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RACE PROGRESS IN VA. CITIES

(By A. M. Vann.)

I take pleasure in presenting to the readers of The Journal and Guide an article reviewing my recent visit to several important Virginia cities.

Roanoke.

The natural beauty of Virginia lies in the west, where it embraces a chain of the Blue Ridge and Allegany mountains. I could not have selected a more appropriate time than Spring to visit the city of Roanoke, nestled among the mountains and enshrined in the beautiful dress of Spring.

Roanoke is the fourth city of the state in size, and has a population of 50,000. The great shops of the Norfolk & Western Railway are here and it is also a junction point for the Virginian Railway.

I spent ten days here and succeeded in placing The Journal and Guide in nearly a hundred new homes. The colored people here seem to be making rapid progress along all lines. There are three drug stores: East Roanoke, Gainesboro and Cooper drug stores. There are eight physicians, two hospitals, five pharmacists, three lawyers, several undertakers, a splendid bakery owned by Mr. J. E. Philpott. two dentists, a number of churches and schools, many insurance agents, tailors, barbers, mechanics and merchants.

The physicians are: Drs. Boland, Medley, Roberts, Moore, Claytor, Cooper, Downing, Williford. Pharmacists: Mosbey, Gaylord, Switz, Johnson and Hargraves. Dentists: Drs. Downing and Dudley. Lawyers: Messrs. Washington and Jacob Reid. Mr. Washington Reid is also engaged in the real estate business and is making good.

I visited the churches of Revs. Downing, Taylor, Burt and Washington. Each pastor gave me an opportunity to speak of my work.

A large number of the hotel men and Pullman porters gave us subscriptions to The Journal and Guide.

I visited the hospital, accompanied by Dr. Downing, met the head nurse and was shown thru each department.

During my stay in Roanoke, I was a guest at the well known Pierce Hotel, where I received the very best accommodations. Mr. Pierce operates a first-class hotel and the service in every way is good. He is a native of Raleigh, N. C., and has lived in New York and Atlanta. He is active in business and fraternal circles, owns also a theatre, maintains his own private touring car, is well fixed in this world's goods and is making good all around. He is blessed with a good wife in the person of Mrs. Nellie Pierce, who has been a great help to him in his successful business career. She is a native of Atlanta and a former teacher there. I want to thank each and every one for kindnesses rendered me while in Roanoke, and hope to visit the city again.

Salem.

I spent one day in Salem, a small town about eight miles west of Roanoke. A car line connects the two towns. Salem is noted among other things for its beautiful mountain scenery. It is situated between the Blue Ridge and Alleganey mountains. I came here mainly to visit a friend of my girlhood days, Miss Esther Boone, who is teaching in the Industrial and Normal School, of which Prof. Duckwilder is principal. We had dinner together and a very pleasant chat. I visited the class rooms and was impressed with the work that is being done there. I next went over the business section of the town and secured about fifteen subscribers. There are some nice colored homes here. The people seem to be making progress.

Richmond.

It has been more than a month since I visited Richmond, but I have not forgotten the obligation I owe the people there for the fine hospitality shown me. I have made several visits to Richmond but none has been more profitable from a business point of view than the last. Thirty-two men renewed their subscriptions for one year, and two, Mr. J. D. Farrar and Dr. Jones, of the University, subscribed for two years each, while nearly half a hundred subscribed for a half year. In spite of the hard times, Richmond seems to be enjoying prosperity. Statistics show that colored people of Richmond pay taxes on personal property worth $3,186,662, practically all of which has been accumulated during the past 50 years. Is this not a fine showing? Richmond is full of hard working men and women who stand for something. A few of

them are, John Mitchell, Jr., head of the Knights of Pythias, editor of the Planet and president of Mechanics Savings Bank; Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, head of the Order of St. Luke, president of St. Luke's Bank; Messrs. Price, Farrer, Johnson, Blackwell, Morris, Thompson, Cheatham, Crump, Miller, Coleman, Editor James W. Poe, Bragg Bros., and Giles B. Jackson, who secured the $55,000 government appropriation for the Negro Exposition to be held in Richmond in July. In Richmond there are twenty-seven colored physicians, eight lawyers, eight contractors and builders, ten undertakers, two banks, headquarters for most of the colored insurance companies that operate in the state, the Miller Hotel, second to none, and many educational institutions among which are Hartshorn Memorial College and Virginia Union University. I visited Union in company with Miss Alice E. Morris and was shown over the campus and building, where I met Mr. J. R. Cooper of my home and Mr. O.B. Simms of Pittsburg.

Petersburg.

This is the third city of the state and is known as a great manufacturing town. Many colored people here are engaged in business and are succeeding. There are five colored physicians, Drs. Burton, McCoy, Alexander, Clark, Darden and Dr. Johnson, the dentist. Drs. Williams and Matthews, pharmacists. Three undertakers, a number of churches and schools. One weekly paper, edited by Mr. Arthur B. Mackey, "The Colored Virginian." Most of Mr. Mackey's public life has been devoted to newspaper work. For eighteen years he has been employed with the daily Index Appeal. All he needs is a little more of his own time. He has a splendid paper. We were invited to dinner in his home while there. He has a charming wife.

The barber shops are kept in a sanitary condition. Mr. Spratley, on Gill street, has a shop second to none I have seen in the state. He is a large real estate owner.

I visited V. N. & I. I. and met the president, Prof. J. M. Gandy, who is doing a great work. I visited the class rooms, had dinner with the faculty and had an opportunity of meeting all the teachers, twenty-three in number. There are over six hundred boys and girls enrolled. I also met Mrs. Gandy, whom I have known for years, and Miss Sarah Boone who makes her home with Prof. and Mrs. Gandy.

Among other places I visited recently are Franklin, Suffolk, Courtland and Drewrysville, Va. and Gates, N. C. At each place I met with success and added many new subscriptions to the Journal and Guide. We are hoping to secure one thousand new subscribers by August.

Along the Color Line

(By THEO. BAUGHMAN)

The Keystone Tonsorial Parlors, located at 24 W. California street, is a swell place owned by Mr. Holland. It is a four chair shop and he employes four expert barbers. He owns a good home and has been in one place for 13 years. He is treating the public right and has built up a large patronage.

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Mr. W. F. Edwards is conducting a grocery store at 422 N. Phillips steet, Oklahoma City, in which he carries a complete line of fancy groceries, country produce, etc. This is a neatly kept place, and receives a liberal patronage. He has a nice residence and also owns a business house. He is conducting a high-class tonsorial parlor for white trade.

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The Golden Rule Hat Shop at 200 W. Walnut street, Oklahoma City, is nothing less than a place where swell hats are kept. We visited same and found Mrs. Lydia R. Buchanan, the polite owner busy showing our ladies one of the swellest lines of hats that's its been our good luck to see. Considerable money has been spent in fixing up the place, a commendable millinery. Not only hats but every thing to be found in modern places is kept by Mrs. Buchanan, and our people should see to it that her business grows.

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The O. K. Barber shop is a modern two-chair place located at 202 N. Walnut street, Oklahoma City. This gentleman has spent considerable money to give the race a clean, up-to-date shop, where the best of workmanship can be had. The proprietor, Mr. G. L. McGee is a courteous gentleman and invites the public to call again.

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Mr. R. L. Hill, an old time friend of ye special scribe, is in the tonsorial business in the Bentley Flats. He informed us that he was doing a nice business in Oklahoma City.

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The Tonsorial Cafe at 11 W. California Ave., Oklahoma City, is owned and operated by Messrs. W. D. Fuller and E. W. Gist. These young men make a specialty of serving the best of everything. When you are hungry and want something good to eat, call on them.

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Mr. P. W. Winslett, a progressive young man of our race, is in the tailoring business at 13 W. California Ave., Oklahoma City. He also conducts a three chair barber shop, shining parlor, cigars, tobacco, etc. Tailor Winslett informed us that he was doing a nice business.

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Rev. William Leonidor Bethel, an honorably retired minister of the Presbyterian church is engaged in the grocery business at 131 South Klein street, The store is ably looked after by Mrs. Annie L. Bethel, who is the owner. She owns the place in which the business is conducted and her stock is carefully selected. More than $1,000 is invested and both races trade at the Bethel grocery. Everything to be found at this place. Rev Bethel owns three excellent rent houses and Mrs. and Miss Bethel, a popular teacher owns six other lots. A son of Rev. Bethel is a physician, a pharmacist and a minister and a daughter is a teacher. This is one of the best families we have in Oklahoma City and are helping to make history for our race.

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Mr. G. G. Koss at 724 E. First street, Oklahoma City, is conducting a grocery store, meat market and restaurant. He caries a nice stock and our people are liberal toward him He owns his business house and we found him full of push.

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Yale Theater, the only colored play house in Oklahoma City, will be found at 215–217 E. First street. The place is a large airy one, and the latest pictures and high-class vaudeville are to be seen nightly. The owners, Messrs. W. T. Cook and A. P. Bethel, have spent considerable money to give the race a creditable play house and our people are showing the appreciation by turning out in large numbers. The latest pictures are shown and the best order maintained. If you desire to spend a pleasant evening, drop in at the Yale.

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Mrs. Mayme Garrett is in business at Perry, Okla., conducting a cafe, where the best to eat is served. This lady is also an expert seamstress and sews for both races. We called and found this lady doing well and secured her as a reader to The Plaindealer.

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Mr. T. E. Works is one of the go-ahead spirits at Perry. He is janitor at the Court House, a position he has held for 2 years. He owns some valuable city property, two houses and five lots. He owns an excellent orchard and is some hog raiser. Mr. Works says he is willing to give his wife credit for whatever success he has had. He is an ardent church man and is doing his part in making our people a race.

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Another colored citizen at Perry, Okla., who gave us $1.50 for a year's subscription, was Mr. A. M. Capers, who resides on Route 6, Box 57 on 160 acre farm, all his own. This gentleman has served as Justice of Peace for his precinct for 18 years.

Several good people at Perry joined our list as readers.

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Miss Mary F. Crowell, one of the lady teachers in the Perry, (Okla.) City school, was one among the first to enroll as a subscriber on our visit there recently. This young lady is the product of Turner College, Shelbyville, Tenn., and has for 18 years, worked continuously in the school room. She is a primary teacher of note. Miss Crowell has a nice farm of 80 acres, improved.

One of the men of the race who has made good and helped to make history for our race is Mr. S. M. Caruthers. He exercised wise judgment and is a man of wealth. He is a retired capitalist, and has seven rent houses and numerous city lots. which he is selling to the public. Mr. Caruthers says he is in the market at all times when it comes to buying or selling land. For sixteen years he has toiled to help our race. His property is all first class and we are pleased to know that the race has such a worthy man. Mr. Caruthers wants business men and prospective land buyers to see him.

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COLORED PEOPLE IN STATE MAKE AND SAVE MONEY

Many Families in Southern California Occupy Modern Homes

Los Angeles

By Eloise Bibb Thompson

In a recent issue of a Los Angeles newspaper, under the head of "Items of Interest," a writer said:

"There are two phases in the forward movement of the colored race—the one is its intense avidity for education; the other, its reach for agricultural independence."

These indications of the negro's ambition are evident in California, as well as in the black belt where, for the most part, his progress is reckoned.

His coming in large numbers to the West has been so recent that sociologists and statisticians have failed to take into account to any great extent his progress on the Pacific coast; but the facts and figures gleaned from careful study and observation of what the colored people have done and are doing in California are indeed surprising.

Although his influx to the West coast has been gradual, increasing perceptibly within the last ten years, yet, according to recognized authority, a small number of colored people have been in the far West since the early days of the sixteenth century. A few are said to have assisted Balboa in constructing the first ship that he set sail in the Pacific ocean, and three hundred of them to have accompanied Cortez in his conquest of Mexico in 1522.

20,000 in Los Angeles

According to the census of 1850, there were 962 free negroes in California in that year, the greatest number being in Sacramento, the present capital of California. The census of the same year gives but twelve as the colored population of the city of Los Angeles, which number has gradually increased to more than 20,000 at the present time.

Although goldseeking influenced some of the colored immigrants of the last century, other considerations also were responsible for their coming. Mormon missionaries came to California about the year of 1851, bringing with them a few negro slaves who eventually were given their freedom and remained in California after the departure of the missionaries to other fields.

Discharged colored soldiers from the Ninth and Tenth cavalry and the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry were in the West in the Indian campaign in 1872-80. After the expiration of their terms of service, being charmed with the mildness of climate and realizing that wages were extraordinarily good in California, they took up their abode in the state and eventually induced their relatives back East to do the same. Others came out in crews to Los Angeles to fit up hotels such as the Nadeau, the Hollenbeck and the United States, all of which employed colored help, paying them $50 a month with room and board.

Porters Well Paid

Another inducement to a residence in California was offered to the negro porter by the Pullman company, $40 a month for a run from Los Angeles to Coolidge, New Mexico, being paid, whereas only $10 was paid for an Eastern trip.

The citrus fruit industry proved a very strong motive for migration. Because of the negro's knowledge of English and his experience in agriculture, he was preferred to Chinese labor in the planting of trees and the digging of irrigation ditches, etc. Government claims have recently attracted colored people to California, as many as 20,000 acres having been claimed by them in Victorville during the past four years.

The negro's reach for agricultural independence and his aspiration for acquiring property in California are due largely to the enthusiasm which he has received from his white employer regarding the future prosperity of the state. He has conceived a strong desire to own some of the land of which so much is expected. His aspirations in this direction are exhibited even in a city like Riverside, Cal., where the colored people number 516, in a total population of 19,000. Most of the negroes of both Riverside and the neighboring town of San Bernardino own their own homes and are farm owners, as well; "their record for thrift," according to the secretary of the chamber of commerce of Riverside, "being exceedingly above the average."

1200 in Pasadena

And this admirable spirit of progress is also observed in Pasadena, a town of about 41,000 inhabitants, 1200 of whom are colored people who, for the most part, own spacious, well-furnished and well-kept homes. Some of these property owners have secured holdings which have greatly increased in value; one resident having recently refused $20,000 for his corner lot. The enterprise of the colored Pasadenans is shown in the organization of two co-operative associations, the Standard Mercantile company and the San Gabriel Valley Investment company, both of which have secured property that is rapidly becoming valuable.

The educational aspiration of the colored Pasadenans for their children is exhibited in the fact that the majority of the colored high school graduates from Pasadena, matriculate in higher institutions of learning, there are several in the Los Angeles Normal school, in the University of Southern California and in the Universities of Illinois and Chicago.

The town of Watts, in the vicinity of Los Angeles, has an energetic, industrious, colored population numbering something like six hundred. The majority of these people came from the South, and purchased their homes by degrees, after having secured employment in Los Angeles. Their preference for a suburban home with its possibility of truck farming, poultry and cattle raising, was the underlying motive for their choice of Watts as a place of residence. Consequently, there are, in this little town, a goodly number of colored farmers who own thriving ranches that net them a considerable income.

The eagerness for wealth on the part of the colored Californian may be illustrated in the life of Lloyd D. Twine, a colored resident of Riverside. Mr. Twine came from Florida about five years ago with his family and settled in Riverside, California. He was offered, soon after his arrival, a situation as janitor of the First National Bank of El Centro, Imperial valley—a position which he accepted after having located his family in Riverside.

Rumors of what California has accomplished, what she will accomplish with the opening up of the Panama canal, of the steady increase in her land values, and the investments of large eastern corporations in her cities, came to Mr. Twine from the lips of the capitalists who patronized the bank where he was employed. Likewise, prophesies reached him of the future prosperity of the county of Riverside, with her profitable alfalfa farms, her large citrus groves sending out annually thousands of cars of oranges to all parts of the country, etc., and he determined to bend every effort to purchase just as much property in Riverside as he could possibly secure. He determined to waste no time in recreation or amusement, but to fill all his hours with remunerative employment. With this end in view, he has secured work as janitor of three banks, besides having been given charge of the city postoffice, the express office, the telegraph office and the public library. During his five years' residence in California he has bought three houses in Riverside and one in Duarte, Cal., for which he has paid the total sum of $8500.

Increase In Values

Following are a few striking instances that were written up recently in a Los Angeles newspaper that prove that California has influenced the negro to become a factor in the economic progress of the state:

On the corner of Twelfth and San Pedro streets, Los Angeles, is an estate owned by a colored man, Theodore Troy, the property consisting of nine apartments of three rooms each and two stores, one of which he, himself, occupies for business purposes. The property was bought in 1894 for $3900 and is now worth $50,000. The owner came to Los Angeles about twenty-two years ago. He was almost penniless and secured work as a bootblack in a barber shop. Later he worked as porter in hotels until he had accumulated enough money to go into the wood and coal business. But that venture failing to prosper, he relinquished it for that of letter carrier, in which service he remained for eleven years. He is now carrying on a prosperous second-hand furniture store with a stock of several thousand dollars. He recently donated $1000 to the colored Y. M. C. A.

Another example of thrift and self-sacrifice is exhibited in the person of A. J. Jones, a Los Angeles colored citizen, who arrived here some twenty years ago and is now able to retire. Mr. Jones first cooked in hotels and private residences for about seventeen months. Later he opened up a hotel on First and San Pedro streets.

Property Worth $85,000

His place was so well patronized by a cosmopolitan class of people, that he was able, after seven years, to remove his business to a two-story brick building on Second and San Pedro streets, for which he paid $1800 cash, now worth $85,000. Besdes this he secured property on West Thirty-sixth street and other holdings which subsequently increased in value. Being advanced in years the greater portion of Mr Jones' time is devoted to religious and philanthropic pursuits. He is on the managing board of the colored Y. M. C. A. and a regular contributor to its $100,000 fund.

The financial success of the colored man in California, is also illustrated in the business carried on by R. H. Dunston, who started with nothing, and who has recently refused $33,000 for his business. Arriving in Los Angeles twenty-seven years ago from southern Ohio, Mr. Dunston, after some little time, purchased a horse and wagon and entered into the furniture-moving business. A year later he bought another horse and gradually increased his stock, until he built up the business that has been known for years as the Los Angeles Van, Truck and Storage company, the main office of which is at 52 South Spring street.

Mr. Dunston's stock now consists of four open wagons, seven vans, two large auto trucks and seventeen horses. Besides owning the barn, situated on 114 Pecan street, and the warehouse at 814 Linden street, Mr. Dunston owns the property at 112, 114, 116 and 118 Pecan street, and 812, 816, 822 and 826 Linden street. Mr. Dunston's wealth, including stock in various corporations, is now estimated at something like $125,000.

Dr. W. E. Burkhart Du Bois, author of The Negro in the Black Belt, and other sociological studies, after having observed the colored Angelenos in their homes, has said, "Nowhere in the United States is the negro so well and so beautifully housed." He adds again, "here is an aggressive, hopeful group with some wealth, large industrial opportunities and a buoyant spirit."

One estate in Los Angeles owned by colored heirs, inherited from negro ancestors in California is valued at $250,000. But the majority of present well-to-do colored Angelenos have themselves wrenched success from the land about them.

The colored people of Los Angeles have two newspapers, 10 colored lawyers, 11 doctors and dentists and about 18 churches. They are members of the city's Chamber of Commerce, a body which stands for the promotion of the city's interests, and patrons of most of the banks, it being almost impossible to go into any of the banks without finding at least a half dozen colored depositors during banking hours.

There are few delinquents and few criminals among the estimated 20,000 colored people of Los Angeles and vicinity, a statement sustained by the following facts issued from the Los Angeles county charities, the Los Angeles county jail and state prisons:

Number of colored families assisted during the year 1913 by the Los Angeles county charities, 13.

Number of colored children declared dependent by the juvenile court for whom the county paid board and care, seven.

Number of colored children paid for in orphans' homes, none.

Number of negroes out of the 275 prisoners sent recently to the Los Angeles county jail, 14.

Number of negroes out of the 55 prisoners sent from July 1, 1913, to July 1, 1914, to San Quentin prison from Los Angeles county, nine.

Truly the colored man owes a debt of gratitude to California, whose broad-minded principles of municipal government have permitted him to grow.

A NEGRO CITY IN NEW YORK.

The New York

In one district in New York City a Negro population in numbers to the inhabitants of Dallas, Texas, or Springfield, Mass., lives, works, and pursues its ideals almost as a separate entity from the great surrounding metropolis. Here Negro merchants ply their trade; Negro professional men follow their various vocations; their children are educated; the poor, sick, and orphan of the race are cared for; churches, newspapers, and banks flourish heedless of those, outside this Negro community, who resent its presence in a white city. The progress which the Negroes have made in their own district is indeed little understood by those who, fearng the encroachment of a Negro slum, have done their best to thwart the growth and the progress of New York Negroes in obtaining better housing and living conditions and opportunities for racial advancement for the responsible colored people of New York Cty. That this prejudice manifested by their white neighbors is largely unwarranted both on moral and economc grounds may be seen from a rehersal of the facts.

If one stands at the corner of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street and andFifth Avenue, in four directions can be seen rows of apartments or flat houses all inhabited by Negroes. This is virtually the center of the community. The houses are in good repair;

windows, entrances, halls, sidewalks, and streets are clean, and the houses comfortable and respectable inside to a degree not often found in a working man's locality. The ground floor of the buildings in every case is occupied by a store or business office. Here and there one sees the name of some Nationally known firm whose agent, always a Negro, has opened a branch business among the people of his own race. From the juncture of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street and Fifth Avenue can be seen the business signs of Negroes and Negro firms whose holdings and interests reach an aggregate of four million dollars.

Philip A. Payton, a Negro and a wealthy real estate operator, may be rightly termed the father of this Negro community, since is was he who, despite violent opposition, first installed his people in tenement property in this section ten or twelve years ago. It was Payton's theory that living conditions equal to those available for the white man were what the Negro needed to give him the realization of white progrss and white standards.

Payton first bought three tenements. At that time a wealthy syndicate of whites owned a near-by tract, known as Olympic Field, where athletic meets had been held for several years. The syndicate intended cutting the tract into buiding lots, and, thinking to improve their selling chances, bought the tenements controlled by Payton and evicted the Negroes. But Payton and another Negro, J. C. Thomas, thereupon bought three other tenements on the same block and evicted the whites. The result of this skirmish was merely an exange of tenants. After a series of shrewd business dealings in which the syndicate was worsted, the Negroes were left in possession of the nucleus of their future community, and Payton's dream of progress among his people had begun to be realized. The Negro section proper now extends for ten blocks between Seventh and Park Avenues, with a generous fringe of colored tenants reaching out in all directions from the community center—evidence of quiet-growth and expansion. In this community of tenements and apartments are about fifteen hundred private houses of very good grade. One prominent member of the settlement recently paid fifty thousand dollars for one of these. The most prosperous of the Negroes, however, do not all live in private houses, by any means, since the apartment-houses, as in similar white districts in New York City, offer equal advantages for good living.

Examples of Negroes who have attained success in this community may be found in Mr. George W. Harris, a Negro who worked his way through Harvard University and two years in the Harvard Law School. Mr. Harris is editor of The News, a paper whose entire staff of twelve men are all colored. Among these twelve men are Fenton Johnson, a writer of verse and a recent graduate of the University of Chicago; the sporting editor, Leslie Pollard, who as a Dartmouth student was rated as a member of that somewhat nebulous organization the All-American Football Team; a clever cartoonist, E. C. Shefton; and a Washington correspondent in the person of Ralph W. Tyler, an auditor in the navy under both President Roosevelt and President Taft. The clerks, stenographers, and advertising solicitors of The News are also all Negroes.

In the professions this Negro community has some twenty physicians who received their medical training at various universities and colleges. Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Howard, the College of Physicians and surgeons, Long Island Medical College, and the Flower Hospital School are all represented. One West Indian who is resident in the community was a student at Oxford.

In the legal fraternity there are fifteen lawyers from Harvard, Yale, Syracuse, Columbia, the New York Law School, and Northwestern University. One of these men is a deputy Assistant District Attorney for New York County, and one is Assistant Corporation Counsel for the city of New York.

There are eight dentists from Howard and New York Dental Colleges, two architects from Cornell University, four registered pharmacists from Columbia and the New York College of Pharmacy who conduct large drug stores in the trained nursesD pMy.. edanL ccss sss district, and twenty-five registered trained nurses.

In the business world the community posesses Negro real estate firms which enjoy the confidence of some of the largest and most conservative financial institutions in the city. One of these, Nail & Parker, may be taken as an interesting example. This firm has full charge of the property holding of St. Philip's Church, which is valued at well over a million dollars. In addition to this they manage for individual owners some seventy-five to eighty separate parcels of real estate, and collect over five-thousand dollars a month in rent. St. Philip's Church, built, by the way, from the plans of a Negro architect, was erected a few years ago at a cost in land and building of $255,000. It carries a mortgage now of only twenty-nine thousand dollars. In addition to this the church owns a block of ten apartment-houses valued at $620,000. These carried a mortgage of $393,000 in April, 1911, when they were acquired by the church; this has since been reduced to $311,000. From this and other property owned by the church is derived a yearly income of over $25,000. A study of the history of St. Philip's from its founding and establishment in Sullivan Street one hundred years ago, and its steady growth, reveals a system of business management of which any religious community might well be proud. In this Negro district there are eight other churches, some wealthy, all in good circumstances, and all with interesting histories of growth and administration.

Such success is not obtained without economy and well-directed saving. Indeed, as may be supposed from such a record as is shown by this brief account of St. Philip's Church, thrift is encouraged and practiced by the more substantial element of the community to a very great degree. In many instances all members of a family are engaged in some definite form of work. One family representative of this class may be instanced. The father is chef in the Pullman service, a son is a "red cap" in the Grand Central terminal, a daughter has charge of a theatrical dressing room, the mother makes appointments for hair-dressing among well-to-do people in white localities and acts as treasurer for the family. A younger daughter looks after the home. Each member of the family deposits his or her entire earnings with the treasurer, and when in need of clothing or moderate spending money draws on the treasurer, who issues the money and keeps strict account of all expenditures. This family has accumulated a savings account of over $46,000 and is buying property on Long Island.

The thoroughgoing business attitude nessed in the small percentage of saloons. The city of New York numbers its saloons at the ratio of one to every thousand population, and in poorer class neighborhoods a much higher average. The Negro community has less than one to every two thousand of population, and only five of these are owned or conducted by Negroes.

There are no very definite data on which to base the per capita wealth of the community. Some statistics published three or four years ago gave as the savings bank deposit of all Negroes in New York City the sum of fifteen millions. Since three-fourths of the Negro population of New York City and practically all of their prominent men now live in this uptown community, it would seem reasonable to estimate their savings deposits at least as high as ten million. Business men of the section, however, insist that this is too low by at least fifty per cent, and point out that the Union Dime Savings Bank carries alone one and a half per cent of Negro savings.

Of public institutions run for and by Negroes the community possesses an old folks' home, a day nursery, a home for graduate nurses, a house for boys which is the headquarters for sixty Boy Scouts and their major, a union rescue home for girls, and a music settlement. Of these, perhaps the music settlement deserves most special attention. It occupies a fine double brown-stone house, and is under the management of Mr. J. Rosmond Johnson, a Negro and member of the New England Conservatory.

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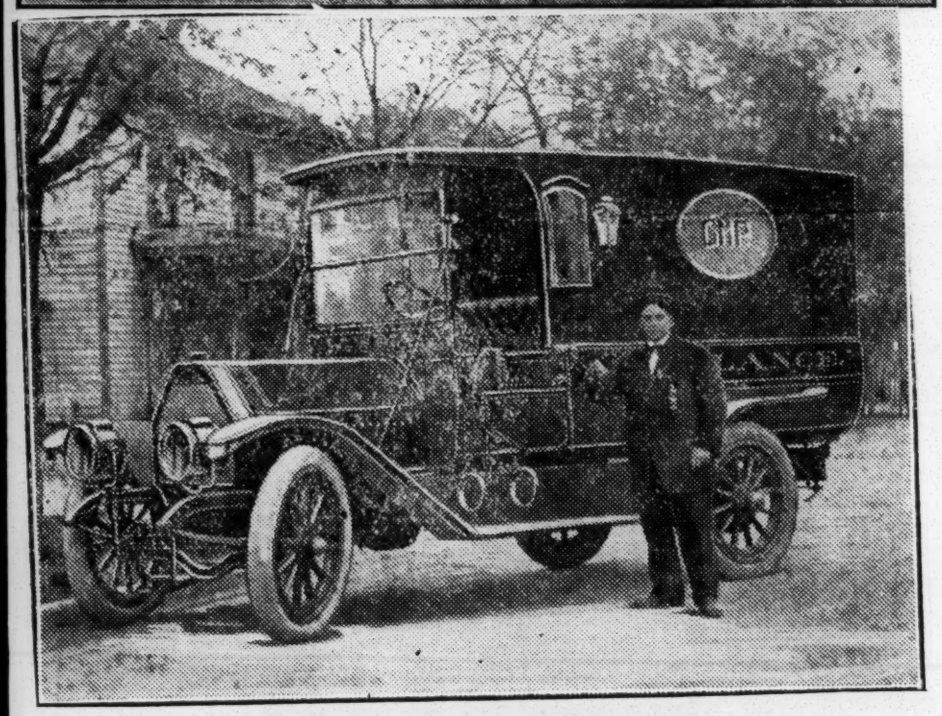

Hearse of C. M. Patterson, Lima, Ohio

CITIZENS OF LIMA, OHIO

YOUNG MEN'S BAND OF LIMA, OHIO

Was organized August, 1914, with about fourteen members. The organizer was Mr. William Lowery, who got together an enthusiastic bunch of young men that have made very rapid progress in music. The manager is Harry Johnson; assistant manager is J. C. Moxley; Roy Herman is treasurer. These young men are all local talent who started from the ground and now they are making good music. They practice regularly once each week at the Herman Hall, under the instruction of a white teacher. The band meets on extra evenings to practice by themselves with their leader, Mr. Harry Johnson.

The following are the instruments and players: Harry Johnson, cornet; J. C. Moxley, cornet; Ephraim Rose, cornet; Robert Walker, alto; William Young alto; Roy Herman, baritone; Rolland Moxley, First bass; James Moxley, second bass, William Lowery, first bass; Elsie Jones, trombone; William snare drum; Miles Hackley, clarinet.

ELZIE R. JONES

Among Lima's electricians, I am glad to present Mr. Elzie Jones, a young man, only twenty-one, who has learned his trade by persistent effort. For about two years he has been doing electrical work, having begun as laborman with a white electrician who took much interest in the young man, seeing as he did great talent that only needed a chance. He is now regularly employed by the Jones Hardware Co., the largest of the kind in the county. Mr. Jones has charge of most of the electrical work of the firm under the general contractor of the company. Mr. Jones is a Lima boy with an untarnished character, being an active member of the A. M. E. church. Unlike many of our young men, he uses his spare moments in studying music and practicing on an instrument. He is one of the faithful members of the Colored Men's band. It is very encouraging to find here and there a young man like Mr. Jones, whose life and accomplishments are so full of promise. He is unmarried and lives with his parents. He graduated in 1912 from the high school.

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Coming Up

Editor Chiles Notes Commendable Progress Among Kansas Colored People. . . .

We visited Salina and must say that all west of the U. P. R. R., the country is looking fine. Everybody seemed to be busy and well contented. There were no soup houses, tramps or beggars upon the U. P. this winter. The farmers have plenty to eat and laboring men plenty to do. We never saw a finer country in our life than is on the U. P. west of Topeka.

Salina is a growing town and one of the best in the state. They are completing the new union depot, paving and rebuilding, painting and in fact everybody can find something to do. Any industrious young woman who wants to work can find plenty of house work to do and any middle aged man or woman can find work in these small towns if they will work. Here we found the colored people busy and doing well. Most of them own homes which are nice. Here you will find the first-class set of white people who are cordial and treat the colored people as well if not better than any city in Kansas. There was a statement sent out from here that the colored people were prepared to leave which was a lie and started by the best people of both races. It was probably started by some one who hates to see the two races getting along so nicely.

W. W. Shobe is making money repairing automobiles and is having all the work he can do. This would be a good field for some colored man to open up an auto repair shop, as there is no doubt that he would make money. Mr. Shobe is a money maker and any one could catch on to his methods or get him to assist them, and would do well.

The Knights of Tabor own a fine building which cost several thousand dollars and they have sold an adjoining wall for $900. They are getting $50 per month for the building which is in the main part of the city.

Dr. H. H. Wilson is the only colored physician in town. He owns an automobile and enjoys the confidence and respect of the people.

The colored people here are making great preparations to entertain three grand bodies. The first will be the Federation of Colored Womens' clubs, which will hold their annual session in June at the court house, and to every home you go, you find the people busy housecleaning and preparing to entertain this great body. Next comes the Knights and Daughters of Tabor in July. Following in the same month is the Odd Fellows.

Salina has two successful restaurants—one conducted by Mrs. Rosa Smith at 412 North Santa Fe and the other by Mrs. E. W. Rosemond at 340 Santa Fe. These places are first-class in every appointment and are doing well. Mrs. Rosemond is a widow and some good man who could cook and was a business man would not injure himself by calling at Salina. The young girls of the race who want work could find it at any of these restaurants by writing and applying for a job.

Mr. Ed. Hudson and Mr. C. A. Reed are the two grocers. They are succeeding and doing well.

This is a splendid place for some colored man to open up a shop for cleaning and repairing clothes.

Mr. and Mrs. DePriest are still conducting a successful dairy and furnish clean, sanitary milk which is in great demand.

The colored people own some fine homes here, one being that of Mr. A. D. Hine, grand treasurer of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. It is modern in every respect and complete from basement to garret.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings own a fine piece of property which is growing in value every day. They are a progressive young couple. Mrs. Eva Brick Jennings, as she is known, is a good church worker as well as at her home, where she is growing a fine truck garden. Her husband is employed in the baggage department of the U. P.

Mrs. Fanny Hurston, of Salina, is enjoying a visit from her mother, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Calvin Ridley has opened a fine dressmaking school at 126 N. Santa Fe. She has a fine suite of rooms and is beginning to have a good business. She is one of the finest dressmakers in the West and her system cannot be excelled. Mr. Ridley is employed at one of the local hotels.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wigley are erecting a fine bungalow, the only one owned by colored people west of Topeka and east of Denver. It will be modern throughout.

ELLSWORTH.

We next visited Ellsworth, which is one of the most prosperous little towns in the West. There are more wealthy farmers and successful business men around Ellsworth than any town of its size in the state as well as the fine first-class lot of people. Here you will find the good class of Christians, honest, upright, business men. The white people are doing much to assist the colored people and among them is Mr. George Tremble, president of the Central National Bank. He is a dignified, Christian gentleman whose Chesterfieldian looks will attract anybody. His bank is one of the most prominent financial concerns in the state and has nearly $100,000 in deposits. The bank has just erected a fine two-story re-enforced steel and concrete building which makes it one of the finest bank buildings east of Denver. Mr. Tremble is highly respected and loved by everybody in that community and adjoining counties; and it is through his honest business integrity that this bank has grown so wonderfully in the past few years.

He is a friend of the colored people and is doing all he can to help them advance their cause.

Here we met Arthur Nelson, a progressive young colored man, who with his father owns 400 acres of land close to Ellsworth. His father homesteaded for the first eighty and still lives upon it; and has added four eighties besides. He has lived in the county forty years. Young Nelson is a splendid type of man; twenty-six years of age and is hanging on the farm. We are proud to see this and if more young men would do like Nelson, the race would be better off.

Mr. Milton Brown has lived in Ellsworth for the past forty years and owns a quarter of a block and he and his wife are among the most progressive and leading citizens of the town.

E. R. Randolph, the old veteran barber, is still on deck and doing business.

Mrs. Bell Grimes and family own a nice home and are progressing. She is to be commended for through her hard work and perseverance, she has succeeded in raising a fine family of children.

The Smith Bros., are conducting a second-hand furniture store and are doing a big business. Mr. Earl Smith homesteaded one hundred and twenty acres and has three hundred and twenty acres of land in Gove county of which one hundred and sixty has already been proved up on. These young men are full of push; and also own seven acres which is for homestead right in the town of Ellsworth. There is plenty of room for young men out West and as Horace Greeley said they should go West and grow up with the country. There are all together too many loafers around the cities.

Mrs. Ed. Keesee owns a nice piece of property and her daughter is to be the correspondent for The Plaindealer.

We found our friend, William Gaston still on deck and says that he is too old to "come back." We expect great things from Gaston during the next few years.

ABILENE.

At Abilene we stopped a few hours and found some of the best water in the state—98 and 99 per cent pure. Here the colored people own homes and are doing fairly well. We took dinner with our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis. He is a leading citizen and barber of Abilene and his wife is a fine housekeeper and we enjoyed our dinner so much we over taxed our stomach.

Sergeant Gibson and wife are among Abilene's leading people and are doing fine.

JUNCTION CITY.

At Junction City where is situated Fort Riley, there is a detachment of colored soldiers; and a great many of them are married and doing well. There is a good class of progressive citizens at Junction, but no farmers or truck growers which retards their progress somewhat.

Rev. Broadnax, pastor of the A. M. E. church is a great race leader and loved by the people of that town. He is doing much for the upbuilding of the race. We enjoyed a nice breakfast with his family, and baby and a lady who is to be a June bride. We will not call any name at this time, however. Colored people own a nice hotel which is well furnished. It has recently changed hands. They have a cigar stand and chili counter. The biggest thing in Junction City among the colored people which took our attention is the U. S. Shoe shop. This is a business recently opened up by Mr. James Counts, a soldier, who bought his time from the government. He was an enlisted man and had been in the service sixteen years. He was born at Newburg County, S. C., and enlisted in Company C, 25th Inft. He learned the repair business in the service of the government and was doing work at the fort and his business increased to such an extent that he bought his time and went into business for himself. He now has a shop with a complete outfit of machinery with all the electrical equipments that are to be found in the largest repair shops anywhere. He has secured the service of Mr. Harrison Finch, a graduate of shoemaking at Tuskegee and a fine mechanic who is making good. Mr. Counts is a gentleman who is highly respected and his word is taken anywhere and is worth one hundred cents on a dollar at Junction City. He has a delivery wagon which is one of the nicest little wagons we ever saw and he has a very unique way of advertising his business. When he purchased this machinery which was worth $800, he bought it on credit—the firm having explicit confidence in his honesty and ability and it was a very short time until he had the last dollar paid. His store and business is worth at least $1,500. He also employs two boys who are apprentices and go to school. Mr. Counts is a race man and he stands in the foremost place as such. The Plaindealer is always glad to welcome and honor such upright men as he.

Mr. N. B. Aldridge, one of the foremost and leading citizens of the town is employed at the postoffice and has a candy kitchen adjoining the postoffice. He is all pure gold and Kansas has no better citizen or industrious man than he.

Mr. B. R. Nelson of Ellsworth, Kansas, is a young man who has bought a piece of land near Ellsworth. He is raising chickens and hogs and has a fine lot of young chickens and has hens setting; a fine garden and is enjoying the company of his wife and making good.

We had the pleasure of meeting Judge Chase who has been Probate Judge for twenty-four years. He was an old soldier, mustered into 5th N. Y. Regiment, is a stand pat republican and has had no opposition for the office which he has held for the past five years. He is an honest, upright Chrisitan gentleman. Although a way up in age he is an active as a man of forty and is loved and respected by the citizens of that county and all wish him to live to be as old as Methusael.

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In the past several days we have visited Lawrence, Ottawa, Osawatomie, Leavenworth, Abilene, Paola, Salina, Ellsworth, Junction City and Manhattan.

At Lawrence the colored people are doing fairly well. Brown's Pantitorium is one of the leading business firms there and is doing quite a business. Of course there is room for improvement at Lawrence. Mr. Snowden and Cloud conduct a successful blacksmith shop and are doing all kind of wagon repair and horse shoeing business. Curtis Stone and Nick Allen are the successful restaurant men and have a fine business. The largest thing that we ran across and the most successful is the poultry business conducted by Mr. Fred Gleed & Son at 23rd and Lawrence. This is one of the largest poultry and shipping houses in Kansas. They ship eggs and poultry in car lots. Mr. H. J. Gleed, the junior member of the firm and son, has erected a fine bungalow near his commission house. His father has lived in Kansas for the last forty years and was for several years a successful cattle dealer and was the first colored man to take car lots of cattle into Kansas City and Chicago. This is the only colored firm that we know of in the United States that is doing such an enormous and successful business and they are paying top

notch for all produce and all the farmers who come within a radius of three miles of the place will go out of the way to haul their produce to this place. They are honorable upright, business men and are doing the square thing and are succeeding. This can be done by other colored men in the U. S., if they so apply themselves. Lawrence is a school town and the race is getting along on peaceful terms with the other races, while the colored people are moving along fairly well in the farm business they coud do more. Lawrence has a large number of successful farmers and truck gardeners. One of the leading truck gardeners there is Mr. R. H. Rodgers on the North side. He is one of the most successful garderners in the state and is the first man to have products put upon the market, his were the earliest in the season. He has a fine family of children who though attending school and the University are a great deal of help to their father upon the farm. They are thrifty and industrious and are bound to make their mark in the world. Mr. Rodgers is also assistant in the county treasurer's office during tax-paying time.

AT OTTAWA

we found the colored people trying to do something and one of the most progressive business men is Mr. Thomas Simpson, who is conducting a clothes cleaning and tailoring shop and also handles second-hand clothig and shoes. He is doing a fine business; has just purchased a new typewriter and safe and has a neat little office. He is an industrious, Christian gentleman and is president of the Neosho Sunday School Convention and was a candidate for member of the school board at the last election and received a large number of votes.

Another man who is making a success and doing a good business is Mr. J. H. Wilson. who is conducting a large horse shoeing and wagon repairing business. His shop is located on North Main street. He employes from three to four young colored men who have already learned the trade in the shop and he also has apprentices. His shop is overrun with work. He owns a beautiful home on North Main street and has a fine wife and children whose company he enjoys. As Mr. Wilson is doing at Ottawa, other colored men could do at other places. Colored people should get together and do something

Nearly all of the colored people of Ottawa own their homes and are improving along that line.

Mr. Ross White is a successful farmer and teamster; has a large acreage of wheat this year and a nice home. His wife is a great poultry raiser.

Mrs. Julia Wiley, mother of Mrs. Esther Wright, has purchased a nice home on Cypress street and is doing fine. She is one of Ottawa's most progressive women.

While in Ottawa we were the guest of Rev. Bell, pastor of the Baptist church and although he is a widower we must say he is as fine a housekeeper as any woman we ever met and when it comes to making biscuits, he has no equal. They are as light as a feather and are as palatable and delicious as any we ever ate. Rev. Bell is an honest, upright gentleman and is doing well.

Mr. W. H. Morehead has opened a restaurant and ice cream parlor at 118 Popular street and is doing fine.

The colored people should get together—both churches and ministers and stand up for the protection of their rights, because if they don't no one else will. The fact of allowing all this dumping of refuse near their homes is because they do not protest for their rights. Let them get busy and kick a ittle.

AT OSAWATOMIE.

we stopped over Sunday with Mr. S. M. Lays, our old friend. He is still with the Missouri Pacific. His daughter keeps house for him. She is a great church worker. This is the place where four colored girls are employed at the State Hospital and are making good.

Miss Maco Stanley, our correspondent, and her mother are doing nicely. People having news or subscriptions for The Plaindealer will do well to see her.

AT PAOLA

we had a short stop and found our old friend, Robert Allen, who conducts a fine barber shop, doing well.

The great excitement of the city is the fine baby of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shelby. This baby is the talk of the town and is a fine, healthy little girl and in our opinion is entitled to the the blue ribbon and if entered in a contest, we know there would be no doubt as to the result. We must compliment Mr. and Mrs. Shelby. All of their spare time is devoted to the baby and their outside friends have very little show.

The colored people have a restaurant here and we found a colored blacksmith employed in a whte shop. No doubt if he was encouraged by some colored men he could open a shop for himself.

They have two churches here. Rev. Bond is pastor of the A. M. E. church.

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We only stopped here for an hour. They have two colored barber shops and that is about all. This is a splendid field for colored enterprise were it not so near Kansas City. It seems that in any town that is near saloons the colored people are less progressive. There are some fair homes owned by colored people. There is not a restaurant or ice cream parlor in which to entertain the race and they are like a lot of wandering Arabs when on the public streets. They have no place for recreation.

AT LEAVENWORTH.

they have a progresive class of colored people who are doing fairly well. Nearly all own their homes and are improving them. They have two good restaurants and rooming houses; two lawyers, Bell and Jones and two fine practicing physicians, Dr. Moates and Dr. Jackson.

A colored man has lately opened up an automobile repair and supply shop and is doing fine. This is a new venture which both white and black predicted would be a failure becaus it was conducted by a colored man; but the man happens to be a professional in the business and has demonstrated to the public at Leavenworth that he knows all about any make of automobile. His main supplies are tires and inner tubes, which he sells. He is said to be one of the best workmen in the state and is patronized by the wealthiest class of people and his business is growing rapidly.

The colored people of Leavenworth should get together and encourage other enterprises such as clothes cleaning, shoe making, etc.; in fact they would find themselves far better off if they could be induced to cultivate the get together spirit.

Mr. W. B. Carter and Mr. O. H. [illegible] are still connected with the bank. They are among Leavenworth's most progressive citizens and can be found always in the front rank, fighting for the race.

Dr. C. M. Moates is a very wealthy physician and has made his mark and can retire and live comfortable and happy off his income.

Dr. A. N. Jackson, a young physician, and a Leavenworth boy, is making his way to the front and is also one of the leading physicians of the state. His wife is one of the best trained nurses of the West. They are saving their earnings and are beginning to invest in real estate. We predict great things for this young couple in the close future.

Mr. B. F. Samuels conducts an ice cream parlor and restaurant on Main street, near Third and Delaware and does a first-class business. He is a bachelor and probably some good widow or old maid might interest him if she possesses good business qualifications and a loving disposition. It would be no harm to write B. F. Samuels at Leavenworth.

Mr. James A. B. Cone and wife are conducting a fine restaurant at Third and Kiowa and are doing well.

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Baughman in Oklahoma

Interesting Jots Gleaned from the Note Book of The Plaindealer's Special Scribe.

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Flashes About the Race.

Theo. Baughman, our special representative, invades Oklahoma City and tells about some of the doings of the race.

A dozen churches and some of the best schools in Dixie land are among the things the race can boast of at Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City is some town—the largest in all the state of Oklahoma and when the promoters in the very early life of the place were laying off the streets, etc., there was much taste exercised and the city contains many beautiful buildings. Some of the things the colored man is doing there will be found below:

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The "Keystone," one of the largest and best conducted Negro hotels in the South or West, is ably managed by Mr. T. W. Willis, a hotel man of years of experience. The "Keystone" has 25 rooms, modern equipment. The building is a three story brick, with bath room on each floor. The grill room is a place where you get the best to eat—cooked right. The hotel is located at No. 7 West Grand avenue.

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The R. J. Fernandez Cigar factory is one of the foremost enterprises of the kind in the country and is anxious to secure Cuban cigar makers. Only Cubans will be employed.—Write to R. J. Fernandez, 121 West California street, or phone Walnut 6033.

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Conducting the swellest as well as oldest tonsorial business in Oklahoma City is what Mr. E. W. Caruthers, a man of our race, is doing. His business, "The Palace," is for white trade and six high class artists are used. He owns eight city lots and is recognized as one of the solid men of the city.

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A successful baggageman at Oklahoma City is Mr. L. D. Minor, a thrifty man, who has been in this line of business for four years. He has built up a lucrative trade and we found him full of push.

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We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Wiley H. Stran, a young man we've known since childhood. He has up to recently, been employed in the postoffice at Oklahoma City as special delivery man. There are sixteen special delivery men(colored) employed.

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The Crown Barbershop, located at 15 W. California street, Oklahoma City, is a five chair place, run and operated by Mr. J. J. Cotton, a very shrewd business man. In connection with his shop he conducts a 6-table pool hall. The Crown is easily the best conducted colored shop in that city.

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We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. G. W. F. Sawner, an expert cotton man, who for 18 years has been a cotton broker in Oklahoma, having handled thousands of bales. His fields of labor are Chandler and Boley, and he purchases cotton in large lumps. This gentleman was at one time a teacher in Texas for a number of years, but on moving to Oklahoma he followed the practice of law, establishing the first law office in Guthrie. His wife, Mrs. H. L. Sawner, is a cultured woman and one of the leading educators of the state, having the distinction of being the only lady principal in the state, and her school at Chandler is recognized as one of the best in the state. She has four assistant teachers, and has an enrollment of 200. This school takes front rank.

The Sawner residence is easily worth $10,000. These good people own about 500 acres of rich farm land. We found Mr. Sawner full of hope for our race and said the only thing the colored man has to do is to get up and push.

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The Jeter Drug Store is the oldest drug store established in Oklahoma City. Eight years ago Mrs. Jeter launched out in the drug business and has succeeded. Dr. Jeter is the first colored physician to locate in Oklahoma and has won first place in the medical world. Dr. and Mrs. Jeter own their own business house, and both are full of push. Dr. Jeter has the distinction of being the only physician in his city who can cure pelagra. He is the man who put up such a strong fight against "Jim Crowism."

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A young man who is a successful truck farmer at Oklahoma City is Mr. Roscoe Dunjee, who owns 40 acres of rich land adjoining the city, which at one time he was offered $20,000 for same. This young man is also popular in secret society circles, having served as grand lecturer of the K. of P. lodge of that state. He is a credit to our race and we would be a much better race if more of our men were on Dunjee's calibre.

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Dr. J. Harrol Hatcher is in the drug business, 209 E. First street, Oklahoma City. This gentleman carries a line of drugs, sundries, etc. He is a pharmacist of long standing and has been in the drug business at different places for twenty years and is well versed in medicine. Dr. Hatcher has been in the drug business in Virginia and at Ardmore, in Oklahoma, and is the discoverer of numerous remedies. He has done much to help the race.

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R. L. Barnes, the expert tailor, whose place is located at 201 East First street, Oklahoma City, is one of the scribe's old time Texas friends. We called and found him doing high class tailoring. This young man is a product of Tuskegee and is living up to the teachings he received in that well known institution. He is succeeding and has invested in real estate in Oklahoma.

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The Bush Tailor Shop, located at 224 E. First street, Oklahoma City, is owned by Mr. L. C. Bush, who does all kind of tailoring and does it right. This is substantiated by the fact that he is kept busy at all times.

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The Acme Hotel, a 16-room house, neatly furnished from top to bottom, is located at 308 East First street, Oklahoma City, and is owned by Mr. W. M. Daniels. In connection with the hotel he runs a confectionery and cold drink business. He also has a tonsorial parlor in his hotel. This gentleman is a Christian and conducts a clean place. His wife is an expert in the hair business and deals extensively in same. She knows that line of business from a to z. They informed us that they were doing well.

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Mr. James Kidd, at 323 E. Second street, is engaged in the barber and cleaning and pressing business. His work is his strongest recommendation and many of our people encourage him. He is one of the business men who subscribed for The Topeka Plaindealer.

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Ye scribe visited the dental parlars of Dr. A. B. Whitty, located at 315½ E. Second street, Oklahoma City, and found reception room full of patients waiting to be treated. His fixtures are modern and his work above criticism, which counts for his success. This gentleman is a graduate of Fisk and the Illinois Dental college and is demonstrating his worth. We received a warm reception by Dr. Whitty as well as some financial encouragement. He is on the broad guaged plan.

One of the attractive drug stores at Oklahoma City will be found at 325 E. Second street, known as the Cove Pharmacy, Mrs. W. H. Slaughter being the owner. Druggist W. W. Randolph, a cultured young man, is in charge and informed us that the place was doing a nice business. The store is neatly arranged and the soda fountain a high priced one. Dr. Slaughter is an eminent physician and is able to boast of a large practice. This store will compare favorably with any to be found.

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One young colored physician is rapidly winning his way into the front ranks in the medical world. Dr. William J. Harvey, located at 209½ E. First street, Oklahoma City, is the young man we are talking about. He finished from the Atlanta Baptist college, having been daubed "A. B." and finished from the medical department of Howard University, class 1910. He practiced continuously at Oklahoma City ever since his graduation. He is truly a prepared man and will succeed. We visited his offices and found them equipped with modern apparatus.

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One of The Plaindealer's true friends at Oklahoma City is the Scales family, who are in the grocery and meat business at 329 East First street. Mr. C. E. Scales, a son of the elder Scales, is the reader. His parents are doing nicely. They own some valuable property.

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Mrs. H. Hudson is one of our go-ahead women in Oklahoma City. She has had erected a neat business house at 430 E. Second street, in which she conducts an up to date confectionery, cold drinks, etc. This lady owns also a good home.

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Mr. T. H. Traylor, a successful real estate dealer at Oklahoma City is one of the go-ahead men. The large three story brick building at 14 W. California street, is owned by Messrs. Traylor and Caruthers. The Traylor flats, a two story 18 room building, is one of the swell rooming places for the race. Aside from the above named business houses, he owns five rent houses. He also has charge of a number of rent houses, and other collections for the public.

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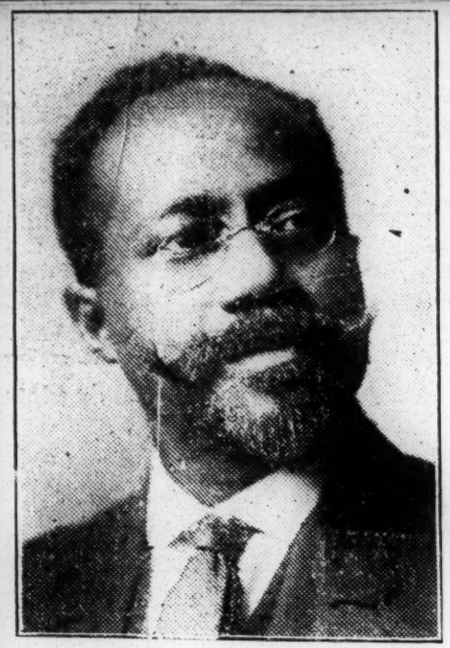

PROF. J. R. JOHSNON.

The above is the true likeness of Prof. Johnson, superintendent of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, located at Taft, Okla. He is the man of the hour, and is a recognized race leader, bringing things about. He is a "prepared man" and has the happy faculty of making each one his friend.

While in the Capitol city—Oklahoma—it was our pleasure to meet that distinguished educator, Prof. J. R. Johnson, superintendent of the State Institution for Deaf, Dumb, Blind and orphan children at Taft, Okla., an exclusive colored town, where 113 children are being thoroughly trained in literary and industrial pursuits that will fit them for useful citizenship. The legislature outdid itself in its liberality toward this institution at its recent session, having appropriated $10,000 for salaries and $10,000 for maintenance, being $7,000 more than ever before. The report of the board of affairs to the governor, brought out the fact that is it the busiest little school in the state. There are four buildings, worrh $75,000; eleven persons are employed.

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Twenty years in the mercantile business is Mr. C. F. Talliaferro's record; and after that long period he has won numerous friends among white and colored. The store is a general merchandise concern, in which you can find from a tack up, representing an outlay of $5,000. The building is a brick, two-story, worth additional $12,000, including the frame building which is used as a store house. Mr. Tallaferro informed us that he bought everything over his immense stock and holdings, he is about right. He owns a good home and three rent houses. This gentleman is a business man, a scholar, and a devout Christian and the young Negro who shapes his life after him will make no mistake.

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Prominent Former Mississippians Property Owners of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Special to The Southwestern Christian Advocate:

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to mention some of the Colored people from the State of Mississippi that are residents and property owners of Colorado Springs.

First, we desire to mention that polite financier, Frank J. Loper, the popular head waiter of the Alamo Hotel. Through his ability as a head waiter, colored waiters have been retained at this hotel, while they have lost every other hotel of prominence in this State. Mr. Loper owns two beautiful residences on North Royer Street. He lives in one and keeps the other rented. Mr. Loper is a prominent member and one of the founders of the People's Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the most influential Colored men in the State, both in social and political circles. He has one of the largest bank accounts of any colored person in the State, and has contributed largely to charity —and many of the beneficiaries of his benevolence were unconscious from whence it came. Mr. Loper is from Robinsonville, Miss.

Mrs. Jennie D. Henderson is a woman who deals extensively in real estate. She owns six beautiful houses and lots in this city, besides land and property in other Western States. Two of her houses and lots are located at 510-16 East Huerfano Street. She ersides at 516 East Huerfano Street. She has a bank account probably larger than any other Colored woman in this city. She also is a prominent member of the People's Methodist Episcopal Church and hails from Crawford, Miss.

Henry C. Davis, familiarly known as "Jack," is another Mississippian whom we delighteth to mention. He owns two valuable residences on South El Paso Street. He also owns valuable property in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Davis uses his ability and part of his means to elevate his fellow-man. He was city editor of the first Colored newspaper issued in this city and county, viz., The Western Enterprise, established Nov. 19th, 1892. He is also one of the pillars of the People's Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has the confidence and respect of the community irrespective of color or denomination. Mr. Davis is from Holly Springs, Miss.

Mr. Chas. Watt and his family, consisting of his wife, daughter and his father, lives in his own house, a beautiful and costly residence at 25 East Kiowa Place, which he has elaborately beautified since he purchased it. In addition to his residence he owns a costly automobile. Mr. Watt is one of our most prominent citizens and is frequently seen in company with his family motoring to and from some of our beautiful natural sceneries. As has been said of the others whom we have mentioned, he is a valuable asset to the People's Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Watt is from Holly Springs, Miss.

Wm. Dunlap and his wife are both Mississippians, who are climbing the rounds of the financial ladder. Their beautiful residence on Monument Street is admired by all who pass and view it. Mr. Dunlap is a trusted employee of the Mining Exchange Building, where he has been employed for a number of years. He owns a beautiful machine in addition to his residence, and is generous to give his friends a ride. He also is a member of the People's Methodist Episcopal Church. His home previous to coming here was Holly Springs, Miss.

Mrs. Annie Jones came to this city several years ago from Jackson, Miss., and has one of the most beautiful homes in the city. Her home is admired by all who see it, and is located on East Maple Street. She is a prominent member of Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and is also prominent in social circles.

Dr. R. S. Grant, one of the most efficient physicians in the State, regardless of color, is an acknowledged fact, and conceded by every physician in the city. Dr. Grant owns one of the most palatial residences in the county at 325 East Caramillo Street. He is from Pontotoc, Miss.

Mr. William Davis, member of the People's Methodist Episcopal Church, is cozily domiciled with his wife at their residence at No. 318 West Williamette Street. He also owns a fine horse and buggy, and is one of our most reliable and influential citizens. Previous to coming here his home was at Grenada, Miss.

Chas. A. Williams is a painter, and by his skill has purchased a beautiful home at 620 East Dale Street. He is to be especially commended because of the fact that he is a widower and while purchasing his home he has cared for his four children, three boys and one girl. Mr. Williams for a number o years was one of our most efficient police officers. He made quite a reputation by arresting some of the most wealthy men. He was especially noted for bravery. He is from Grenada, Miss.

Walter A. Smith, better known as "Deacon" Smith, is a trusted employee of the Exchange National Bank, the largest bank among five others in the city, both in structure and in wealth, being capitalized at more than $4,000,000. Deacon Smith is one of the financial pillars of the St. John's Baptist Church. He and his little daughter, Juanita, live happily at his cozy residence, 538 East Costilla Street. His previous home was Clinton, Miss.

Mrs. Neckie Hamilton: This Christian widow, who owns two residences, located at 623 East Maple Street and 717 North Conora Street, six and nine rooms respectively, rents them both out, and she spends half her time in California and Nevada. She is at the present writing in Los Angeles, Calif., and is one of the loyal members and supporters of the St. John's Baptist Church. She is from Robinsonville, Miss.

Cyrus Fair: In addition to his nicely furnished residence on South El Paso Street, owns a large ranch, which is mostly all under cultivation. Mr. Fair has a keen business ability which has enabled him to accumulate a lucrative bank account. He is from Robinsonville, Miss.

Mrs. Mattie J. Triplett and son and daughter came here several years ago, and Mrs. Triplett has a beautiful home on East Maple Street. She is a member of Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and her daughter, who is now Mrs. Frazier, is a member of the choir of the People's Methodist Episcopal Church. They both stand high in social as well as in fraternal orders. Her home was Holly Springs, Miss.

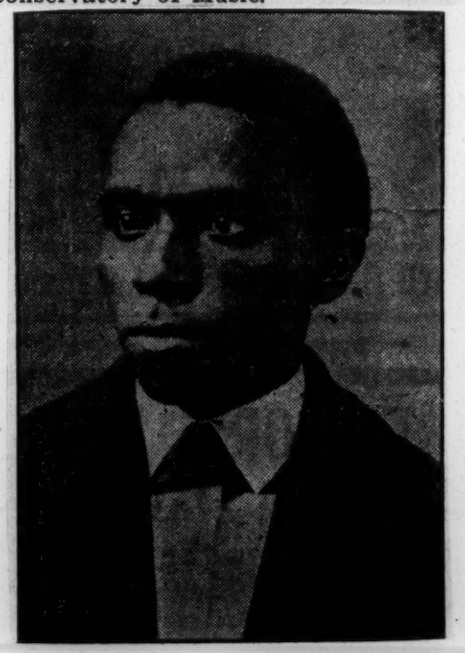
We desire further to inform the many readers of The Advocate of the progress of Mrs. Jessica Dabbs, who has a large lot in one of the most prominent parts of the city. The lot is located at 300 South Weber Street, just across the street from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and is improved with a beautiful residence. She is a member of the St. John's Baptist Church. Mrs. Dabbs is from Jackson, Miss.

Sedley B. Jones, who has been in this city for more than twenty years, is very prominent in fraternal circles. He stands very high in the order of the Knights of Pythias, and has been State Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the founders of the People's Methodist Episcopal Church of this city and is one of the members of the Trustee Board. He does not live unto himself. He is charitable and spends his means, as well as his time, to help his fellow-man. Mr. Jones owns two beautiful residences in this city, one of which is located at 222 Pueblo Avenue. This one he keeps rented and the other, a modern residence, where he and his wife are happily domiciled, is located at 319 East Cimarron Street. He also owns lots in Langston City, Oklahoma. Also owns valuable lots in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Jones is one of the very important factors in the city's commonwealth. He is from Jackson, Miss.

REV. HENRY F. FOX.

Came to Lima from Cadiz, Ohio, in 1912, where he had served as pastor for seven years. As pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church here, he has lifted a large part of the indebtedness off the church, made valuable improvements and added about sixty-five members. Rev. Fox has been in the ministerial service for twenty-one years, having taken his first charge in Canton, Ohio. He is a native Ohioan. He completed the public school course of his home town and spent twenty years teaching in the public schools in this state. He was ordained a deacon at Springfield in 1896, and an elder in 1899.

Rev. Fox, while at Cadiz, purchased one of the finest building locations in the city only two squares from the court house. For fifteen consecutive years Rev. Fox has held the position of chief secretary of the North Ohio Annual Conference. The members of his present charge co-operate with him in all his undertakings. He is a members of the Masonic and also the K. of P. orders. His daughter, Mrs. George M. Lane, is quite a pianist, having studied at the New England Conservatory of Music.



BUSINESS ACTIVE IN ROCKY MOUNT

Much Co Operative Progress In Thriving North Carolina City

The Journal and Guide 4/17/15

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 13. —Seldom is it given to any one city to do so many things far better than its sister cities as is the happy lot of Rocky Mount, N. C. Rarely does there appear such a combination of extraordinary co-operative progressiveness, racial and civic pride as pervades the colored contingent of this hustling North Carolina city. The entire community seems to be one unit for progress and prosperity. Dr. Baker J. Burnette and brother are conducting a first-class drug store, carrying a full line of fresh drugs and toilet articles. The Douglass Drug Co. also have a place in their own two-story brick building, portions of which are occupied by other colored business men.

Mr. R. L. Levister, a thrifty and finished product of old St. Augustine, is the leading contractor for all brick, plaster and cement work.

Among the prominent buildings that bear the finishing touches of his artistic skill are the Park View Hospital, Mt. Zion Baptist Church (colored), and the residence of Attorney Keel.

Mr. Bryant is conducting a large and up-to-date grocery and meat market. It is the best appointed and largest business of its kind operated and owned by a colored man we have ever visited. Mr. J. R. Black is doing a fine shoe making business.

The "Mystic Ten" social club very delightfully entertained last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bryan, 409 Atlantic Avenue, in honor of Mr. Wm. W. Foreman, of Norfolk, Va., who was visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Levister. A very entertaining game of "Rook" was engaged in and greatly enjoyed by all present, after which the guests were conducted to the dining room by the genial hostess, Mrs. Bryan, where there was in waiting quite a sumptuous and elaborate repast. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Godly, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Harper, Mrs. Z. E. Pittman, Mr. and M[illegible] Levister, Miss Jessie Willi[illegible] of Goldsboro, N. C., and Mr. W[illegible] W. Foreman of Norfolk, Va. All expressed themselves as highly pleased at the excellent manner in which they had been entertained and voted Mrs. Bryan a most charming and pleasant hostess.

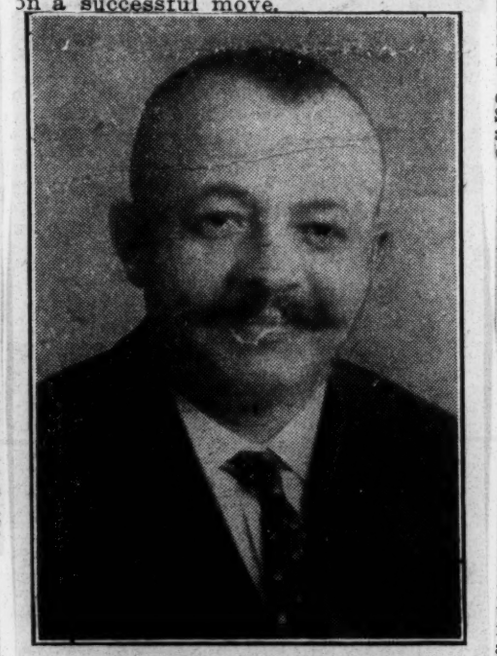
B. H. SIMPSON.

Mr. Simpson is asking the people of Lima to nominate him for mayor. His request is based upon his record as an officer and citizen. For two years he was secretary of the Lima waterworks, where he made a fine record. For two terms he has been auditor for the city, and everybody knows what a clean and satisfactory official he has proved to be in that capacity. Mr. Simpson has been a resident of Lima for twenty-five years, and during that time no man in the county can say one word against his character as a high-class citizen in every respect. Unlike many candidates in various parts of the country, Mr. Simpson's record will bear the very closest examination. Lima has a rare opportunity to select a man for mayor who is bound to reflect credit upon the office and the city. Mr. Simpson is a thoroughbred Republican, and he has always fought for the principles of the party. He was born and reared on a farm in Franklin county, where he learned the great lesson of life—"Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you." We are confident that no one on the ticket has a better chance to be nominated than Mr. Simpson, and if he is elected there is not a shadow of doubt that his administration will be one of the best Lima has ever had.

On a farm in Old Dominion 69 years ago, in the dark days of slavery, was born Goodrich Giles, a man of destiny. His father was a man of sterling worth, who lived in hope of the day when the shackles of bondage should be broken from him, and whose great hope was realized before he died. Goodrich was kept on the farm until he was 16 years of age. It was his good fortune to have a fairly human master, who willed that the his death all his slaves should be liberated and each one given at least ten acres of land in a free state. At the death of his master the relatives contested his will, but the courts, after many years of legal warfare, sustained the will. Mr. Giles' father was given the land in Ohio, and upon this he moved with his family. Later he bought several outlots in Piqua, some of which are still in his son's (Goodrich) possession. Young Giles went to New York state and worked on a farm and attended the public schools, obtaining a practical education, fitting himself to attend to his business. He made especial marks in mathematics. After about ten years he returned to Piqua, Ohio, where he began life's work in earnest. He bought land and began farming for himself. To this he added more good land from time to time until now he owns 417 acres of some of the best farming land in the county. He lives on one of the farms about one and a half miles south of the city. The other two are within two miles of the city. When he was about 29 years old he married a young lady of Michigan, Miss Luvenia Moss, with whom he lived happily until a few months ago, when she was called to her final reward.

Mr. Giles' home is a fine 12-room brick, surrounded with all comforts and conveniences, essential to successful agricultural occupation. His workers and tenants, consisting of both white and colored, do not want for the best and most modern machinery for doing their work.

Mr. Giles also owns nearly two dozen good valuable pieces of rental property in the city, aside from his livery stable. He is an active and valuable factor in fraternal circles, being one of the high officers in the K. of P. and Masonic lodges of this state. His counsel and advice are sought by the leading lights of those organizations. Mr. Giles has the reputation of being a man of liberal qualities. Few good causes are turned down by him when to him they go for help. As a citizen. He is held in the highest esteem by white and colored. He is a very unassuming man, and no one who does not know him would suspect him to be the man he is, as he is a hard worker, never losing an opportunity to keep things concerning his own affairs on a successful move.



CASS L. EVANS,
Piqua, Ohio

GOODRICH GILES.

WHAT THE RACE IS DOING IN GREENVILLE, ALA.

The Freeman

(By A. [illegible] Madison.)

For several weeks the citizens of Greenville have been reading with pleasure the wholesome news from the columns of The Freeman. To us the paper is an excellent production, and should be read by all our people.

Greenville is a small town, but can feel grateful for a large percentage of thrifty Negroes. We have beautiful churches, three creditable schools, several [illegible] halls, one doctor, one drug store, about a score of merchants, teachers and ministers, and a large number of skilled laborers. Probably a hundred or more families in Greenville are property owners, and some have moderate bank accounts.

Dr. H. M. Nutall is our successful physician. He operates a drug store, owns his automobile, fine horses, and considerable real estate. Dr. Nutall is a native of Madison, Ind., and M. D. of the University of Michigan. The Freeman and The Crisis are on sale at the Nutall drug store.

Rev. Ward, A. M. E. minister, owns and operates a creditable store. He has a lovely home and other property. Rev. M. C. Lowery, pastor of the First Baptist church, at Troy, Ala., owns a beautiful store, home, horse and buggy, and much real estate.

Other successful merchants are: Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Messrs. R. Bragg, H. Kendricks, Eugene Dunklin, Joseph Williams and Prof. S. B. Boyd. Prof. S. B. Boyd is the pioneer of the Lomax-Hannon Institute. For about nine years Prof. Boyd was principal of this school, and carried it from a school in name only to a school in actual service. His tireless service rendered under the most discouraging circumstances can never be forgotten by those he so well served. Prof. Boyd, with fortitude, self-sacrificing zeal, and a pleasure in seeing the continual growth of the school, administered justice and fair play to all concerned. Such a man merits universal fame, yet seeks none.

Prof. W. B. Gregory, A.B., of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., was for six years a successful teacher in the Lomax-Hannon Institute. He is now connected with public school. Prof. J. L. Gregory has for nearly forty years occupied the executive chair in the city public school, nor is the city ready as yet to part with him. He is now growing old, but his stately bearing is today that of a college president. He is a Mason of high repute.

Rev. D. T. Gulley is the loyal pastor of the St. Paul Baptist church. On Sunday, 7 inst., he celebrated the first anniversary of his pastorate in this city. Rev. J. C. Thompson is for the third year leading his army at the Butler Chapel A. M. E. Zion church. Rev. B. A. Williamson is the newly elected pastor of the First Baptist church. This man of God with liberal training, bids fair to a prosperous career with his faithful members.

Mr. Cornes owns and operates a first class blacksmith shop within a few yards of the county court house. He is skilled in shoeing the fierce steeds. Mrs. C. H. Dunklin was the first teacher of the Lomax-Hannon Institute. Mr. Charles H. Dunklin, our down town shoe man, is a regular subscriber to The Freeman. Those who must have The Freeman every Saturday are: Messrs. Eugene Johnson, H. Kendricks, Willis, Williamson, McDaniel, Smith, Hubbard, Cook and Skain.

Dr. B. T. Washington, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., was slated to lecture here last Friday, 5th inst., but failed to come because the court house, after it had been given to the committee on arrangements for the occasion, was held for other purpose, just a few hours before the lecture. Dr. Washington was stopped in Montgomery. I shall write a full account of this matter later.

CHATFIELD M. PATTERSON

Is Lima's popular and only colored undertaker. He has been in the business for four years. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1911. Mr. Patterson has a fine equipment, being the only colored undertaken in the state of Ohio or Indiana who has an automobile outfit. During his four years he has won the confidence and loyal support of our people not only in his own town, but in many places in the adjoining states. Mr. Patterson is a young man, and the future is very promising for him. He is a member of the Masonic order and also the Knights of Pythias. He owns several pieces of good property, including a farm. His wife is his lady attendant.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE AFRO-AMERICANS IN SEATTLE.

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Churches	2
Dentists	2
News Paper	1
Magazine	1
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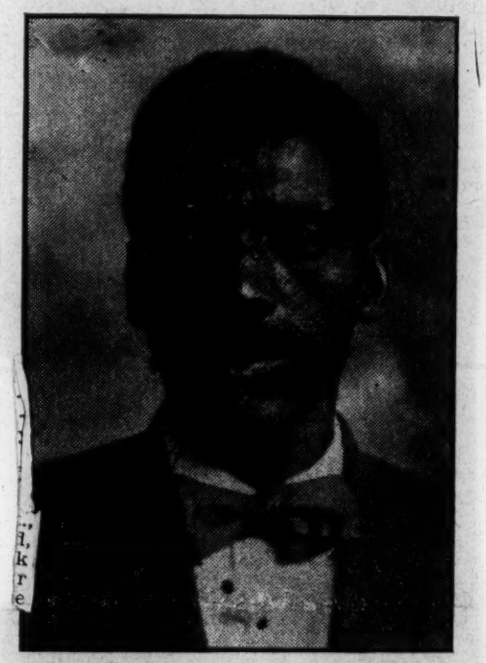
Fraternal Organizations	7
Real Estate and Insurance	1
Grocery Stores	3
Apartment Houses	5
Tailoring Establishments	3
Express & Transfer Co's	2
Contractor and Builder	1
Estimated Population	3,200

JOHN RUTSILL

Native of North Carolina came here in 1907 and opened up a cleaning and pressing business. In 1913 he opened a restaurant out in Wayne street but continued his cleaning and pressing business. His place has been at the court house for about six years, where



he does a very thriving business. Mr. Rutsill is high up in fraternal circles, being an officer in the Masonic order. He is also a member of the Baptist church. His standing in the community is such as to command the respect of white and colored of Lima.

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OBSERVED BY THE EDITOR

At Wichita Ye Scribe Met Senator Weeks, a Presidential Possibility.

Stops in Other Kansas Towns Shows the Colored People are Making Commendable Progress.

We visited Wichita and stopped over at Winfield, Arkansas City and Independence en route to Coffeyville and Parsons, Kans. during the past two weeks, also spent a few hours at Paola. At Wichita we made the trip to see Senator Weeks of Massachusetts who is a candidate for president. We met and conversed with him and heard him make two speeches and we are favorably impressed that if he is nominated and elected president of these United States he will make a good officia and come as near dispensing with patronage and transacting the ...iness imposed upon ... and impartial as any candidate that we know who is now before the Republicans for nomination. He is well versed upon conditions of the American people and knows their wants and needs. He does not give President Wilson any credit for preventing war between this country and any other nation for the reason that the United States has never wanted to go to war with anyone while Mexico has destroyed millions of dollars of American property and murdered several hundred citizens President Wilson has never seen any reason why he should intervene, disturb or protect its citizens, yet he could go over to the litle republic of Hayti where a few colored people occupy and took a naval ship and subdued them, and then took possession of their country. They are powerless and have no way of measuring arms with a government like this.

There were several Republican representativs from over the state and other states who met and counselled with Mr. Weeks and assured him their support for president. While Kansas has its next delegation to the National Convention they will have Senator Weeks in mind.

A gloom hangs over the city of Wichita and especially among the colored people on account of Ex Lieut. W. A. Bettis, late of the 23rd Kansas and now detective on police force of Wichita. It was a cowardly act committed by a colored man, a low bred ruffian. Mr. Bettis is one among the best officers on the force and some of the people of Wichita think it was a put up job to have him put out of the way on account of his activeness in performing his duty and bringing criminals to justice. He is now confined in the St. Francis hospital under the care of physicians who are trying to restore his broken limb to its original place.

The colored people of Wichita needs a few leaders in the commercial world as well as in the political arena. There are some improvements going on at all times but not as much as should be. In a business world.

Lewis and Taylor are conducting a successful second hand store at 521 N. Main St .and are doing a good business and it is growing rapidly. They are working hard and bringing things to pass. As they are doing other colored men could do at other towns and cities. Wichita has a few colored groceries and confectioneries that are doing well also one drug store. The colored people of the city are much elated over the dry goods and combination store opened by Mrs. J. H. Van Leu, wife of the state missionary, at 612 N. Main. She opened this business on a small capital and what she's doing, others could do in other towns. This is the kind of business we like to see our people engaged into and the more the better.

Mr. H. Walker conducts a nice confectionery and grocery at 957 Meade.

Miss Isis Brooks, our correspondent and agent for the Plaindealer, and all persons having news, subscriptions or other matter for this office, will do well to see her, or call at her residence, 1012 Ohio St.

Mr. E. F. Thomas, head waiter f Hotel Easton, is a young man, ull of push and is fast forging his ay to the front. He was formerly f Clinton, Mo., and understands is business and is succeeding.

At the Court House, the colored people have two janitors, also a leputy sheriff and jailer, a fire lepartment and three or four men on the police force. They also have colored men working on the streets but no teamsters on public work; and we see no reason why there should not be two or three colored teamsters on the streets.

George Crouch, janitor at the court house came to Fort Scott, in 1874, then to Wichita where he has resided for the past twenty years; has a wife and eight children, owns a fine piece of property, an eight room house and he is a highly respected citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fine have opened a fine cafe and lunch counter, at 108 W. Elm St. Mrs. Fine is one of the finest cateress in this state. They are succeeding and have a nice first class place; everything is served up at reasonable prices, and once you eat a meal there you are always a customer.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Fuller have opened a first class rooming house, known as "Fullers Flats" at 527 N. Main; everything modern, first class rooms well fitted, everything neat and tidy.

Mr. J. E. Lewis who was recently elected secretary of U. B. F. has taken charge of the books and is now assisting in pushing the order.

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At Winfield, James Nichols has opened a first class barber shop and has a pool hall known as the Equality Barber Shop. He is in the main portion of the business section of the city and his business is carried on in a first class manner as Mr. Nichols is a thoruugh race man, a widower, and has lived thirty-two summers. He is intelligent and dignified and full of business and owns a home and if things keep up with him he will have a large bank account.

We were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery and family. Mr. Montgomery is our correspondent and is one of the biggest hearted, all round gentltmen in this country, full of race pride, public spirited and is always willing to push anything that is meritious and helpful to the race.

The young people of Winfield have organized a literary society and are planning to make it one of the best in the southwest. They are active and full of vim. Mr. Holden the president is a christian upright young man, full of push and energy and we look forward to the time when Mr. Holden will enter the ministry, and we are sure he will make one of the best in the country, as the pulpit needs such men as he.

Mr. Jerre Miles, who works for the plasterers, is a progressive christian gentleman and makes friends wherever he goes.

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We were over to Arkansas City where we met our friend Hooker, who conducts the leading barber shop and found him still on the job. Mr. H. N. Gray, who is head chef at the Saddlerock Cafe, is one of the best in the country, a fine young man full of push and energy, owns a good farm and other property. He is a single man so this is a chance for some good young woman to make the balance of her life happy, if she would get Mr. Gray to see that way.

We met Mr. John Hockett of Healy, Kans., formerly of Wichita. He has recently homesteaded and owns 160 acres of land and has a part in wheat and he said he was never so happy as when he left the street of Wichita, where he was forced to look for work each day, said he found that a bad proprosition.

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At Independence, we met Mr. O. W. Reddins. Mr. Reddins was born in Texas and brought to Kansas by his parents when eleven years old, he now has one hundred acres of wheat, forty acres of kaffir-corn and twenty acres in sorghum. He is known as the sorghum king of Kansas; h manufactures and ships sorghum all over the country. He only recently purchased another farm and lives four and one half miles from town. He has a wife and five children who are industrious and art aiding him in carrying on his great work. He owns horses mules, cattle, hogs and grows from five to six hundred chickens each year, in fact he is a man who moves and does things.

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We also met T. W. Deloy, who is chef at the Booth Hotel; he owns a nice five room house and enjoys the company of his wife. He is one of the leading citizens, is progressive and is moving along nicely.

Mr. E. E. Johnson who is employed by the Millers, who are the richest family in Independence, owns four houses and lots, and is a single man and this is another chance for some young lady to be happy.

We passed on and stopped at Cherryvalle for an hour, and visited our old friend, Robinson. He has one of the best grocery stores in Kansas, and is doing a good business and has most of the colored and a large portion of white trade. Everybody likes to trade with him, as he carries a complete line of goods and is courteous in his business dealings.

At Parsons, which is headquarters of the M. K. & T., we found several colored men employed as porters and in the railroad yards, on the track

and one colored track foreman in the person of Mr. McMurry, who is making good. Parsons is a good town and there are lots of colored people. However, there is lots of room for improvement along business lines that can be made as they ought to have three or four good grocery stores, when they have but one and it is combined with a confectionery; also one restaurant, one physician, Dr. Smith, who is making good and having all the practice he can attend.

Mrs. J. Henderson, 513 S. Second street conducts one of the best millinery stores among colored people in the West. She started a short while ago in the front room of her house, but her business has grown so that she has been able to erect a nice concrete building on one of her lots and has a display of fine millinery and enjoys a large trade among both white and colored people—mostly white. Miss Cozetta Harris, formerly of Saint Paul, and also a sister of Frank A. Harris, a former Topeka printer, is assisting her in the work. Miss Harris is an accomplished young lady and is fast progressing in that line of work. Mrs. Henderson carries a line of notions and will emerge into dry goods within a short while.

Mr. C. A. Glass and father own good property and conduct a barber shop.

Mr. William Arch, 2102 S. Corning is conducting a tailor shop and having a nice business.

Mrs. Gertie Fisher has taken charge of the restaurant at 2000 Bellmont and is conducting a fine cafe and rooming house in connection. Her meals and lunches are reasonable and she also carries a line of cigars, soda water, etc., and is doing a splendid business. She is a good business woman and needs encouragement and if supported she will have one of the best restaurants and the best service to be found any place in the state.

Mrs. N. C. Blair is manufacturing a hair tonic and meeting with great success. Her son, Mr. Morton conducts a clothes cleaning and pressing establishment at her residence.

Mrs. Aritha Dorsey Clayton conducts a beauty parlor and gives instructions alone that line and is doing a fine business, and is considered one of the best in the state. She has turned out several students. She has three sweet little children who are of great pleasure and happiness to the household and especially to "Grandmother" Dorsey, who delights in pleasing her grandchildren. She is now nearly eighty years of age and almost as active as the grandchildren. She enjoys good health and is very reserve and intelligent, and it is pleasing to hear her tell of early day adventures of the American people, both colored and white. Mrs. Dorsey is a Virginian by birth and was taken to Texas when a child. She has three children living: Mrs. Knave, of St. Joseph, Mo.; John M. Dorsey of The Plaindealer and Mrs. Aritha Clayton of Parsons, where she makes her home.

Parsons can proudly boast of some very fine musical talent both instrumental and vocal. Miss Bessie Leola Eades, daughter of Mrs. Amelia J. Watley, 2213 Corning, is a young singer, has a fine soprano voice and has but few equals. She attended Langston University, where she took a voice culture and has also taken several private lessons. She traveled with Prof. Page's Jubilee singers, on a tour through parts of Texas and Oklahoma, and was known to be one of the finest singers in the country. These jubilee singers were the best advertisement the school ever had. Miss Eades is now willing to accept a position with a good concert company of first-class reputation, and whoever obtains her services can make no mistake. She is now chorister at Mount Pleasant Baptist church, also instructor in music and is succeeding nicely. Since being out of school she has sung in several places in Texas and Oklahoma by special invitation and has been highly complimented by the critics of each state.

Rev. Pierce, formerly of Cherokee, pastor of New Hope Baptist church is doing fine and just recently took charge of the church. He is well liked by the people and the members are rallying to his support.

We visited the A. M. E. church, Brown Chapel, of Which Rev. T. W. Greene, Jr., is pastor. This is his second year and we must say that we never enjoyed a better sermon than that preached by him on Sunday evening. He has a good congregation, made up of intelligent progressive, Christian people who are working hard to advance the cause of Christianity and the church. They have a good choir and we must say that Mr. Simeon Oliver Clayton is one of the finest singers we have ever heard in a church choir. His voice thrills and electrifies his auditors and he is worth hundreds of dollars a month to any church, and we would that all churches in the country could have his services. It would be worth thousands of dollars in the advance of Christianity among the race if we could have him visit the different churches and sing. Rev. Green is preparing to build an addition to his church which will beautify and adorn the city of Parsons, not only will it be a credit to the colored but to the white people as well. The church is locaed in the central part of the city and is the best situated colored church in the state of Kansas. Rev. Greene is fortunate in having a wife who is a highly cultured Christian lady and a good church worker. She too is doing her duty along that line and is doing much good for Parsons. The auxiliaries of the church are made up of faithful, upright Christian women who can be counted on to do their whole duty. This same spirit characterize the men who are officials of the church.

Mr. William Shakespeare is employed at one of the biggest furniture houses of that town and is doing well.

Mr. Pearle Tipton, the house mover, is making money, having all the work he can take care of. He has recently purchased an automobile to use in his line of work.

The public schools of Parsons are doing nicely under the direction of Prof. E. A. Clarke, who has been principal of Douglass school for a number of years. The school has a large enrollment and it was Prof. Clarke who suggested the name of this school in honor of Frederick Douglass, but the school board is trying to have it appear that the school was named for Stephen A. Douglas but this is wrong and should be repudiated as it is to hon or Frederick Douglas one of the most noted colored men of the time.

Miss Julia Barclay one of the teachers of this school, whose home is at Marblerock, Iowa is one of the best teachers of the grades that she handles, of any teacher in the state. For a number of years she taught a mixed school in Iowa. She is highly educated and accomplished young lady and has made many friends since being at Parsons. She makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Daniels, 1422 Dirr Ave. Mr. Daniels has lived here for thirty two years, is a plasterer and owns a beautiful home, all modern and up to-date. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels are among the happiest people of Parsons and have been married for the past quarter of a century.

Miss Victoria Nestfield, a teacher of the schools at Chetopa, is serving her fourth year She is a highly accomplished young lady, owns a home and has money in the bank.

The Woman who is coining money is Mrs. Dickerson who is a christian healer. She has visits from all nationalities, rich and poor and she has performed wonders and made many a soul happy who came to her in sorrow and woe. She has a host of friends and they say that she answers every question put to her.

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At Coffeyville, Kans., the colored people seem to be moving along nicely, but of course there is room for improvement. Many people are building homes or improving their old ones and there are three good churches. The residence property does not compare with the churches, so the people are building better homes.

The E. and M. Drug store owned by Eagleson and Morris is doing a fine business. The store is located at 705 Union Ave. Mr. Eagleson is one of the finest pharmacist in the state having served in the Santa Fe hospital of Topeka for a number of years and as a pill roller, he has few equals. He is courteous, polite and full of business and is making his drug store pay. Mr. Morris is another young man who owns good farm land and other property and recently bought a Cole automobile from Walter Johnson, the famous base ball pitcher of Washington, D. C., whose home is at Coffeyville. The machine is a 55 horse power and is one of the best in Coffeyville. We had the pleasure of riding over the main thoroughfare at a sixty mile gait, but we had to call him down on speed as we did not care to leave the earth at that time. He is making money and we hope great things of him in the future.

Dr. Whittaker deserves much credit for the support he is giving this drug store as he gives it all his business and when confronted by a former white druggist as to why his business was being sent from his, the white man's store, Dr. Whittakekr replied that colored pharmacists were not given employment in the white man's store nor could colored people drink soda water and eat ice cream at his counter and that the young men had opened up a place where both races could be accommodated and it was his business to encourage them. The white man was forced to agree that he was right and said he was glad to see the doctor take this stand. **Dr. Whittaker is the kind of doctor we want to see all over the country, one who will push colored enterprises and help make business for he people. By doing this we can have places for our ladies and enjoy themselves without being insulted or going to a white place and being refused.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Grant are a happy young couple who are enjoying life. Mr. Grant a chef and doing well.

Mr. Claude Skinner, who owns a nice home and employed at the Congdon Bank, is a newly married man and he and wife are enjoying life. They have a baby six months old, a fine boy who is the very image of its father.

Miss Alice Goodwin conducts a fine rooming house at 505 Union avenue.

Mr. N. B. Anderson, proprietor of the Almetta club has a barber shop, cigar store and pool room in connection. He is doing well and owns good property and is a progressive man, fast coming to the front, is honest and upright and has a host of friends.

We are proud to say that Attorney M. D. L. Cox has made good and is one of the most progressive and active lawyers in Kansas. He came to Coffeyville a few years ago full of push and determination with plenty of education and diplomacy where he proved to the people that he was

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honest and straight in his d[illegible]gs and by this method has won his way up to the front; has built a nice brick office at 1103 Walnut street; nicely furnished with rolled top desk, large library, private consultation room and his property is all paid for. He enjoys quite a white practice as well as colored. He also owns a beautiful bungalow on East Fifth street with a two hundred foot front nice lawn, garden, poultry yard and in all is a beautiful place. His wife, Mrs. Nellie Cox, is teaching a rural school in the suburbs of Coffeyville. She is a highly accomplished lady and belongs to a great many circles whichare doing much for the uplift of the race. Mr. Cox is from Barbadoe British West Indies and has only lived in this country twelve years, but has made each year count for itself.

We met our friend, Mrs. Vina Calhoun and daughter and son. Mrs. Calhoun is a South Carolinian by birth and came to Coffeyville some years ago from Missouri. She owns a home at 1706 Atlantic and is an industrious hard-working Christian lady.

Rev. Everett, pastor of the A. M. E. church, who just recently moved to the town is doing well.

Mr. Dickson, the tailor on South Walnut street is one of the most successful in the state and has been in that location for five years. He is working hard and giving the people value received.

We met our old friend, C. Wilkerson, who has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been to recuperate. He is one of the city's old substantial land marks, owns good property and has money in the bank. He has made a host of friends as everybody in Coffeyville and parts of Oklahoma know and like him and ask him for information as he is one of the oldest inhabitants on South Walnut street.

Mr. Sherman Wickware is our correspondent and is authorized to collect subscriptions and all persons having any business for The Topeka Plaindealer will see him and either send news matter to him or leave it at E. & M. Drug store.

Our friend, Dennis Hunigan is still employed at the Palace Clothing Co. He was recently married to one of the wealthiest ladies of that city. She was formerly a Miss Claggett and owns oil lands in Oklahoma. Mr. Hunnigan is a young man full of business and we expect great things of this young couple if life lasts. Ten years from now they will be among the best and wealthiest people of Kansas or wherever they locate.

Our friend, Rev. Garner, the paper hanger and painter, owns a nice home and he and wife are among the leading people.

Mr. Darnell, who owns and conducts a pool hall and cigar stand in the Odd Fellow building, is a progressive young man, and is a politician and we would like to see the party take care of him as he deserves it.

Mr. W. E. Love conducts a nice grocery store and is doing nicely.

Mr. Fred Douglass, formerly of Kansas City, is conducting a barber shop and pool hall and cigar store. He is one of Montgomery county's leading politicians.

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At Fort Scott we stopped over and found our time honored friend, Dr. B. A. McLemore and also Dr. Hawkins doing nicely.

Miss Eula Drake, 124 Ransome, phone 1812, is our correspondent and is authorized to collect and solicit subscriptions and all persons having business for The Plaindealer will call her up and give news to her.

Fort Scott is rallying after the great flood which destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property. Everybody seems to be working and getting along nicely and everything is moving along as though there had been no flood.

The colored people have one or two grocery stores. The brick and stone masons, contractors and plasterers are doing well. The colored people of the town have one restaurant and a barber shop. One business that the people of Fort Scott can be proud of is the young veterinary surgeon in the person of Dr. J. W. Brown. He has all the latest appliances for handling sick animals and knows his business. He is succeeding and has recently bought an automobile so he can hurry when called.

Prof. Ernest J. Hawkins, grand master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Kansas and jurisdiction, and also principal of the leading school of Fort Scott, is doing fine and his many friends say this school was never in better condition than at present and the children show it in their deportment on the streets and at their work, at home, in Sunday school and church. Prof. Hawkins is certainly an educator, and is assisted by Prof. Watson, who recently took a trip to the West, visiting at Yellow Stone Park Portland, Frisco and Grand Canyon of Arizona. Grand Master Hawkins says the fraternity is growing and that there is nothing that has happened that has marred the workings in its internal affairs. The order is one of Kansas' bright and shining lights and stands high.

Mrs. Susie Daniels is one of Fort Scott's most progressive ladies, a hard worker, is an honest, upright, Christian lady and has been employed by Mr. Mack Howard and family for a number of years at a good salary for the reason that she merits this as she is honest and industrious. She is a widow and has one son and daughter in High school who will graduate soon. She is a fine, intelligent young lady whose future looks bright. While Mrs. Daniels is a widow, we would not hesitate to say that if some bright man who is full of push and vim would make himself known, he might win her. She formerly lived in Topeka and was one of the leading citizens.

It was a source of pleasure to visit the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Sexton, who are the parents of Miss Nora Sexton, one of the popular teachers of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Nettie B. Sims, who is matron at Western University. Mrs. Sexton and family enjoy the company and pleasure more than anything else on earth, of her mother, Mrs. Mona Scott, who is ninety-one years of age and is hearty and healthy. She was born in Alabama and when a girl of twelve was taken to Illinois until she was forty when she removed to Fort Scott where she has lived almost forty years. She homesteaded awhile in Colorado. She is happy and intelligent and highly cultured and has a wonderfful memher talk. She is the mother of sevory and it is a source of pleasure to talk to her of days gone by and any one could sit for hours and listen to en children and survives all except Mrs. Sexton, who is seventy-one years old. Mr. Sexton has recently been retired upon a pension by the Frisco railroad. He is an old soldier having served in the Civil war. He is active, hale and hearty.

Mrs. F. Funkhouser, one of Fort Scotts industrious widows, owns several good pieces of property; she will visit her daughter and relatives in California next April. She has not given up hope that there are some good men left.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. R. H. Curtis, who is employed at the Frisco depot. He says The Plaindealer has done thousands of dollars worth of good; that sometime ago an advertisement appeared in this paper for a husband. He answered and says that he never was so happy in his life, said he would not take any amount of money for the results obtained. His wife is a fine housekeeper, good cook and has a loving disposition and he says she greets him with smiles and kisses and that the Lord has certainly blessed him. The Plaindealer is certainly proud of the fact that we have been the instigation of several marriages through its advertising columns and all have proven to be more or less successful.

A. N. Thompson is running a fine restaurant and lunch counter and also a pool hall and is doing a fine business.

We were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Flem Miller who are among the leading citizens, and own their residence besides other good property in Fort Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Myers are among the progressive people. He has been employed in the railroad service for a number of years and has a host of friends and stands high in the community.

We stopped over at Paola and found our old friend, Mr. Robert Allen, who conducts a barber shop and pool hall doing a fine business. He is a substantial race man.

Mr. Robert Shelby is still in the grain business, buying and selling. He enjoys the company of his wife.

There is onsiderable work going on at Paola and we are proud to see that the street curbing is being put in by colored men. Mr. P. H. Strother, foreman of the work, is to be commended for the good service that he is performing in putting down this curbing. Much credit is due Hon. Thos. Kelly, ex-state treasurer, who has this big contract and is giving work to colored men. He is one of the staunch Republicans and business men and is always found doing good things for our race and any favors that can be shown should be given men of this type.

Our correspondent, Prof. Lowry, is of the substantial citizens. He is doing fine and is assisted by Miss Daisy N. Peak in the public schools.

Mr. R. Cooper and family are among the substantial citizens of Paola and are doing fine.

A THRIVING VIRGINIA TOWN

Waverly Forging to the Front As A Business and Mill Center

The Journal and Guide

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Waverly, Va., April 14.

Waverly is a live and thriving town of 1800 inhabitants situated on the N. & W., and the Southern Railroads, twenty-two miles east of Petersburg.

We have nine lumber mills, one peanut factory and a large grist mill which serve as feeders to our 22 stores, hotels and bank, and to keep employed the laboring classes in and around the town. We have also six churches, one high school and one graded school and many other attractions. Our people are answering the demand for more business

among the race and are getting down to it. Richardson & Bro. are doing a thriving tailoring business. Mr. G. W. Peace is our undertaker. We have Mr. J. A. Williamson and Mr. Thomas Mitchell as blacksmiths; Messrs. P. R. Ruffin and John Beale in the insurance business and many prosperous farmers in the community.

On the 9th inst. our people celebrated with appropriate exercises — a brass band and Mr. John Carr as marshall. We had a creditable parade which was both orderly and attractive — mounted men and vehicles from an ox-cart to an automobile was an enjoyable feature.

The procession halted at the A. M. E. Z. Church, foot of Main street, where an interesting program was conducted with Mr. G. W. Peace, master of ceremonies. The choir rendered "America," after which the welcome address was delivered by Mr. C. B. Richardson. Response by Dr. Walter Levy of Wakefield. Then came a solo by Miss Olevitte Rawlings, a paper by Miss Martha Johnson, oration by Mr. James O. Richardson, paper by Mrs. Annie A. Jackson, recitation by Miss Louise Winston. A very timely address was then delivered by Rev. J. H. Gray, pastor Liberty Baptist Church. It was an enjoyable occasion and to say that the program was well rendered is putting it mildly and everybody went to their homes happy.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE WEEKLY LETTER

By J. C. Lindsay

Through the kindness of The Savannah Tribune, the oldest secular Negro journal published in the state and certainly the most helpful, the local branch of the National Negro Business League kept the things worth while and the men who do them in this community, constantly in the lime light, for the purpose and with the fond hope that the members of the race in this community engaged in business might be helped and encouraged in their several lines and that others who contemplate entering into the same line of legitimate business would do so with hope, confidence and enthusiasm.

Must Meet Competition

Our men engaged in business, like all other races and peoples who make good as business factors in their special line, must be ready at all times to look an honest competitor straight in the eyes and give him to understand that we are out looking for his kind and certainly expect to meet him somewhere down the line. There are many valuable lessons which would greatly assist us in solving our business problems, if we would allow ourselves to learn them. The errors committed, failures made, the blunders and mistakes which have caused many of our business men to give up in dispair in the past, have been the main propeller or guide to the successful twentieth century business Negro who is actually making good on the job.

Progress the Slogan

In the city of Savannah and in this community of which Savannah is the center, the Negro element is as progressive as will be found in any other community with the same number of Negroes to draw on for support. In this comunity the Negro business element is proud of their business progress, which has evoked favorable comment from business men of both races, not only in Savannah, but from other cities and communities as well.

Enterprises Owned by Negroes

Below will be given a few of the many enterprises owned and conducted by Negro brain and money: two Negro banks, one of which (the Wage Earners) owns the finest banking house and fixtures of any Negro bank in the country; one Negro newspaper. The Savannah Tribune, which owns its two-story brick building, with its up-to-date linotype and machinery and giving employment to fourteen young men and young women who work in the job printing and book-binding department besides the three editors and the printer's "devil" who give their time, in the main, in seeing to it that the Negroes in this immediate community receive into their homes once a week the cleanest and certainly the fairest Negro journal (secular) published in this state.

Savannah is known far and near as having the best equipped Negro undertakers in the South. Three of our men are engaged in this line of business and all of them own their own places of business with all the twentieth century improved methods of giving real, first class service.

Feed and Grain Store

On Berrien street, near Jefferson, is located one of the biggest wholesale feed stores in this or any other city as to that matter. This store, a two story veneered brick building, is owned by the Negro feed merchant who is getting exactly what he so richly deserves, namely, the support and patronage of the people.

Insurance Companies

The six Negro insurance companies in this city which give employment to one hundred and fifty three members of the race at a weekly wage of something like sixteen hundred dollars, have proved their right to exist.

Negro Play Houses

The Pekin theatre, which is owned by a Negro business woman and her son, is unquestionably the finest playhouse owned by Negroes in this country. These people also control the Air Dome, which is only one block away from the Pekin, where the shows consist of high class moving pictures only.

Negro Drug Store

The Savannah Pharmacy, which is owned by the Lee Chemical Company, is a medicine emporium which is strictly up-to-date and first class, in every particular. One of the boasts of this splendid Negro drug store is that nearly every one of the sixteen high class, patriotic, race loving, Negro physicians whose support come almost if not entirely from the forty-five thousand Negroes in this city, have their prescriptions filled at this high classed, painstaking, Negro drug store.

Negro Jewler

It is indeed inspiring to stand at the big show window of our Negro jewler at 507 West Broad street and see him as he goes into the intricate parts of those fine gold watches and takes them apart and fixes and regulates them just as the other fellow.

Savannah Negro Lawyers

Savannah Negro Lawyers are making good at the bar, as fearless defenders of Negro manhood rights. These five men are doing much good for the race in their chosen field and deserve the support and encouragement of the Negroes who need service in the courts or legal advice to keep them out of the courts.

New Company Organized

One of the latest business ventures among Negroes in this community was the organization a few days ago of the Commonwealth Loan and Realty Company. This organization is composed of a splendid set of young business men who seized opportunity by the forelock and placed themselves on record as trying to do some tangible good for the race. The new concern has a paid in capital of five thousand dollars and the privilege of raising its capital stock to fifty thousand dollars. The business of this, our new concern, will be, as its name implies, to buy, rent and sell property, negotiate loans and do a general real estate business. Our hats are off to these young men. In a subsequent letter we will tell the readers of The Tribune a few things about some more of our Negro enterprises which are just as worthy of favorable mention as the ones which appear in this weekly letter.

Come early to our next meeting which will be held at the League's head quarters, Wage Earners Bank building, Wednesday evening, June 2nd and bring a friend with you and hear a fine business subject discussed.

CHARLES F. STEWART

Has been in Lima fifteen years, and has been proprietor of the People's Barber shop, Spring and Main streets, for equally as many years. He came from Paulding, Ohio, where he was reared. He is a young man but thirty-six, and during the time he has been in this city has made a host of friends

among both white and colored. He stands high up in the fraternal order, being a K. of P. and Royal Arch Mason. He has for more than ten years been very active in political circles, being one of the leaders in the Republican party of his county. Mr. Stewart is the husband of a fine wife and father of one boy. His wife has been one of the leaders in the A. M. E. church choir for [illegible]

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Mr. Baughman at Okmulgee Okla.

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A Colored Man Owns 8 Buildings, All Brick—23 In All Are Owned By Negroes—The Race Is Busy Along All Lines And Making Wonderful Showing.

Okmulgee is a thriving little city of about 12,000 inhabitants and nearly one-third of them are colored. The colored people have a nice city school with about 600 pupiljs enrolled, with ten teachers; one drug store, one hair parlor, one milliner, 3 blacksmith shops, 2 general merchandise stores, one dry goods stores, 9 grocery stores, 3 meat markets, a great number of barber shops and pool halls, 4 cleaning shops, one tailorng shop, 5 medical doctors, 7 lawyers, 4 hotels, a number of rooming houses and restaurant, one dentist, one broom factory. There are 23 brick buildings owned by Negroes and the majority of them being two story. The most of the colored people own their own homes. The town of Okmulgee is surrounded by energetic colored farmers and a great many of them own their farms. It has several colored schools near the city and 10 teachers, who reside in the town and teach these schools. Among the leading colored farmers may be found: Lemuel Jackson, Louis Luckey, Sam Williams, Bill Loman, F. W. Heygood, Farner Washington, Lewis Brooks, Henry McMilton, Andrew Smith, Rev. F. N. Beckem, Morris Rentie, Arta Sneed, David Colbert, Wm. Hadley, Heywood Thomas. There are scores of other men who are succeeding in glass factories, oil refineries, etc. More than 300 colored men are given employment.

Churches.

There are six colored churches at Okmulgee, and our people will not go hungry, so far as spiritual food is concerned. The pastors are able men and are laboring hard to make our people better. There are also numerous secret societies, and the most of them own their own property. There are two excellent halls, owned by the Masons and one by the K. of P.

This is one of the go-ahead towns of Oklahoma, in which the man of our race is taking a part in the material advancement of the place.

He is in business, and is striving to do like other folks. By perusing this write-up, the general public will be able to glean a faint idea about the race's progress at Okmulgee.

The O. K. Cafe, Mr. Chas. Woods, proprietor, is still doing a thriving business and the reason is easy; he serves the best and treat the public right. Years in business has given him the experience required to successfully run such a place.

Jackson's Grocery and Meat Market, Mr. H. W. Jackson, proprietor, is a striving Negro enterprise. Three men are employed and Mr. E. H. Holmes is the chief butcher. Such places are a credit to any race.

Johnson and Hoard opened up a first class grocery store and meat market at Okmulgee and by putting strict business methods into their business, they are succeeding. They are representative men. They own their own business house and will, this fall erect a new brick business house. This is the kind of push we need.

The Eureka Undertaking Co., of Okmulgee is a Negro concern, that is equipped with everything carried by a first class undertaker. The president is J. H. Hoard; secretary, D. J. Wallace; A. J. Wallace, treasurer. This is the only colored undertaking establishment in the city.

A three chair tonsorial parlor with modern furniture and first class workmen is the kind of business Mr. R. L. McGlanthing at Okmulgee is conducting on North Muskogee St. He also conducts a grocery store and his clerks are his wife and daughter. This man is full of push and his success is due to the fact that he treats the public right.

King and Williams are tailors at Okmulgee and they are doing all right, because they do work right. When its come to doing tailoring of a high order, see them.

Ye scribe called at the law offices of Wallace and Stephens and found two excellent gentlemen. Mr. Wallace is an ex-legislator of Oklahoma and for six years was a successful teacher in Texas and was admitted to the bar while teaching at Palestine, Texas. He owns a large two story brick business house, the first floor of which is used by his son, Dr. A. J. Wallace, who conducts a modern drug store and the second floor is occupied by the professional men.

Two magnificent brick business houses that are indeed a credit to Okmulgee are the ones owned by W. S. and A. Sneed, successful race men. They only have 500 acres in cultivation and 900 in the oil fields. These gentlemen though among the best fixed men are very modest and do not like to speak of what they are doing. We wish we had more Sneeds. The Sneed brothers also own 10 good rent houses and are firm believers in education. They own, perhaps some of the best horses in the state of Oklahoma, as the Sneed animals have proven their worth. Mr. A. Sneed is one of the men who helped to build Langston, as well as many other towns. These brothers are broad-guaged men and are true leaders.

One of the successful Negro attorneys at Okmulgee is Hon. A. W. Whitefield, who is one of the brilliant legal lights of the race. He has been practicing law eleven years and we feel proud of him.

The only Negro dentist at Okmulgee is Dr. A. M. Carpenter, who is the product of Howard University. He is doing nicely, because he does work right.

In a magnificent brick business house, Mr. N. Malbrow, a comparatively young man, conducts a $5,000 grocery store. His stock is complete and the public likes to trade with him, because he treats them right. He has five good rent houses and a 80 acre farm.

A successful physcian of the race at Okmulgee is Dr. J. M. White, who is one of the leading men of that prosperous city. He is the product of Shaw University and is demonstrating his worth as a medical man.

A rooming house where you get clean beds and receive first class service is the Canton, 423 N. 5th. Mrs. Ethel Sherrell is the proprietress. When at Okmulgee, see her.

A man who is recognized as a live wire at Okmulgee, is Mr. James Thomas, a great many style him, "Big Tom." His farming interests consists of 800 acres of fertile soil, and 10 tenants, white and colored make their homes on this excellent farm. Thomas' addition to Okmulgee is an ideal resident section, costing him from $2,500 to $10,000. When this gentleman fiust offered these lots for sale there were more than 300, but he's sold all but 60; eight of the beautiful bungalows belong to him. The city ball park is also Mr. Thomas'. He also owns some valuable rent property in the heart of the city. In Oklahoma City, he owns $30,000 worth of rent property, two flats of 12 and 16 rooms and six other rent houses, all modern. The scribe had the pleasure of calling at his palatial home, located in a strictly white section, he being the only colored man in that part of the city. The meat market and grocery store at Braggs bearing his name, is also his property. Mr. Thomas is a pioneer of Oklahoma and though one of the wealthiest men in Okmulgee, his wealth being estimated at $200,000, he is courteous and willing to assist every move that will help the race. Mr. Thomas is one of our older men, but he has managed wisely, and today is one of our best fixed. He is a firm believer in education, and at present has a son and daughter at Langston, Ambrose being one of this year's graduates. This gentleman is a staunch member of the A. M. E. church and his life is worthy for the young Negro to imitate.

Teamer's Broom factory is a Negro concern at Okmulgee, where the best brooms the market affords are found. Mr. Monroe Teamer is the owner and he is assisted by a brother.

Howard University has not turned out a brighter light in the legal world than Hon. R. S. Gamble, who is successfully practicing law at Okmulgee. The scribe had the pleasure of visiting his office and found it a complete law office. He is a Fiskite and one of the race's strongest men. He is rapidly winning his way to the front in his profession.

Hon. J. C. Evans is one of the progressive Negro attorneys at Okmulgee. For 12 years his shingle has been hanging out and he is recognized as one of the strong apostles of Blackstone. His literary training at Western College, Macon, Mo., and graduated from Chicago Law school. He is a ripe scholar and is making good.

Mrs. Carrie E. Burnett, a popular business lady, has an up-to-date millinery, in which she carries hats and goods to be found in a first class place. We found Miss L. C. Lynch in charge. This lady is an expert along her line and comes from St. Louis each season to help out the business.

The People's Hotel, owned by Mesdames Mitchell and Tompling, two excellent ladies. They serve the best of meals, and their beds are clean. If you want good treatment along this line, see them when you are in Okmulgee.

The Furrie restaurant is owned by Mr. Jos. Furrie, an expert cafe man. When you want something good to eat see him.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Anderson are doing well in the restaurant business. The secret of their success is they serve it right. When you are in Okmulgee see these good people. They can be found at 617 E. 5th St.

The Eagle cafe owned by Miss Lela Simpson is a nice place where you can always secure something good to eat. When you are in Okmulgee, stop at the Eagle Cafe. Mr. W. E. Erskin is the popular chef at this place.

Hon. J. A. Calloway, an eminent Negro attorney at Okmulgee, has one of the best fitted offices that it has been our pleasure to visit. Mr. Calloway has plenty of books on his shelves and a great deal of them, he has crowded into his head. This gentleman is a product of the State University of Kansas, and is making good. Such men help the uplift of our race. Miss Pearl Ruby Perdeau, the stenographer, is a cultured lady and has been in the office five years.

It was our pleasure to meet Grand

P. M. Delaney of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. He informed us that the order was in a flourishing condition. He has been at the head for 10 years and he as 87 lodges and 100 temples, 30 juvenile departments, representing a membership of 5,000. The property is valued at $25,000. This man has accomplished great things for the race and is truly a Moses for our people. He is the general manager of the Lantern, official organ.

House and son are doing a nice restaurant business. They win their friends by feeding well and treating the public right. If its something good to eat and cooked right, see these gentlemen.

Mr. E. Flynn, an expert tailor, enjoys a nice patronage at Okmulgee. The cause for this is, he does his work right.

Patton and Haggood are conducting a creditable store at Okmulgee, in which they carry a complete line of dry goods, hats, shoes, crockery, etc. The proprietors are full of push and by square dealing and selling the best for the least, have built up a large patronage.

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Mr. J. C. McGee is an extensive dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, cold drinks, etc., and he is pleasing the public and the public is making the business a success.

In his own business house, Mr. W. M. Collins is conducting a first class grocery store and an up-to-date meat market. His stock represents an out-lay of $1,000. He has 14 rent houses at Okmulgee and 2 in Tulsa. Such men will make any old town go.

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Mr. Austin Suggs, a progressive colored citizen of Okmulgee is engaged in the grocery and meat business. He has spent much money to fix up a nice place and the race is making his business a success. He is succeeding because he sells as cheap as the cheapest. He has 8 rent houses.

In a nice business house, Mr. B. H. Mann, a comparatively young man of our race, has pocketed $2,000 worth of groceries, candies, meats, etc. In fact it is one of the best stocked grocery stores at Okmulgee. He owns three houses in a row and is demonstrating that he is some business man. He is one of Okmulgee's leading citizens.

One of the best regulated colored hotels at Okmulgee is the Boyd Hotel owned by that Christian lady, Mrs. Jennie Boyd. The rooms are clean and she sets a table that will please the gods. This lady strives to conduct a place where you will be treated right.

In the class of 1913, Howard University, a young man, A. M. Carpenter finished, as a dentist, and his record since graduating reflects credit on that well known school. He spent a short time at Detroit, Mich., and then moved to Okmulgee, where he maintains modern offices, and enjoys a lucrative practice. The people are liberal toward him because he is one of the race's best dentists, and does his work right. He is the son of Virginia, and secured his literary training at Lynchburg and at Pittsburg, Pa.

Davis and Hines' rooming house is located in the Sneed building. There are 12 rooms, neatly furnished with baths and modern conveniences. These ladies strive to please the public, and when in Okmulgee, call and see them.

The First Methodist church (white) of Okmulgee, when they erected that magnificent structure, borrowed $10,000 from a colored girl of Muskogee.

A block of solid two story brick business houses (eight in number) and occupied by white merchants, with one exception, is the property of J. B. Key, a colored man of Okmulgee. The valuation of this property alone is worth $110,000. These buildings are red pressed brick, gothic posts, etc., and are in the heart of Okmulgee. Mr. Key occupies one as a general merchandise store, in which he carries a $6,000 stock of dry goods, shoes, hats and groceries. He has 17 rent houses, all occupied by white renters. These houses and lots are worth $30,000 and in addition to these houses, Mr. Key owns 20 vacant lots and this gentleman said he'd begin building more houses before long. He has Key's addition to Okmulgee, a pretty place indeed. He has 320 acres of farm land, and owns interest in 80 acres of oil land. He owns a string of fine horses, among them "Hal Brooks." This is one of the finest horses in the state of Oklahoma. Mr. Key's home is a lovely one, and he carries his people about in a high class automobile. For 30 years he has been a business man, and has ammassed his fortune by treating the public square. He is one of Okmulgee's best fixed men, and stands for everything that means true manhood. He is easily worth $200,000, and is worthy of the young Negro imitating.

Two enterprises at Okmulgee that employ Negroes are the Baker Bros. Glass Faitory and Skelton Glass Factory. The first named gives about 10 colored men employment and the latter about 200 Negroes. These men receive on average about $17.00 per week. There are also about 10 colored men employed at the Graham Bros.' Bottle Factory. Some of these men receive as much as $25.00 per week. Through the kindness of Mr. J. B. Key, we had an opportunity to witness the making of glass, etc. This gentleman in his Studebaker, high-priced car, showed us all places of interest in Okmulgee. This gentleman was indeed courteous to your scribe, and left nothing undone to let us know that he lived in one of the liveliest towns in Oklahoma. On our tour over the city, Mr. A. C. Childs, who owns an excellent residence, located on an acre of land in the city, also a member of the party. He is a staunch farmer, and owns 240 acres of farm land. This gentleman recently owned some valuable oil land but disposed of it before oil was struck on same.

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One feature about Okmulgee, Negroes own more rent houses than white people and a great many whites rent from our people. A pleasant feeling exists between races, and all in all, Okmulgee is one of the fairest towns in the state of Oklahoma. There are numerous thrifty Negroes at Okmulgee, and we regret, we are not able to mention all of them. Hon. D. J. Wallace helped us very much. He and his partner, Attorney J. H. Stephens, own the Woodlawn cemetery. Mr. Wallace also owns three good farms, consisting of 360 acres, and 9 rent houses. He has graduated four of his sons, two of them pharmacists. After their graduation, he's started both the pharmacists off by giving each of them a drug store. The scribe secured many readers and each one had a word of praise for The Plaindealer. Our old friend, Melvin J. Chisolm, is at the head of the Okmulgee Light, and he will no doubt give the race a strong paper.

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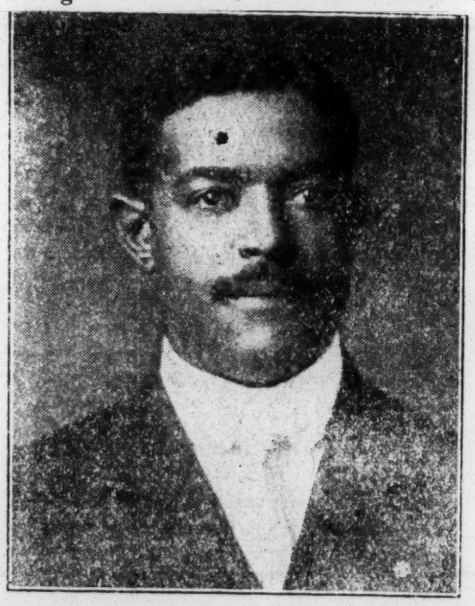
One of the men who has done more than his part to make Fifth street, of Okmulgee, the leading Negro business street, is Mr. J. E. Harrison, who has just completed a magnificent two story, brick business house, 50x60, with a roof garden. There are three business apartments on the first floor; these places are 17x17, and are ideal places. The second floor contains 15 rooms, baths, etc. The first seven rooms are offices and the remainder has been converted into a flat. The feature of the building is the roof garden, which will be equipped to make it a haven of pleasure. This place is easily worth $12,000. Mr. Harrison owns another building, two-story and a lovely home equipped in modern style, presided over by a cultured lady. He is a general contractor, owning many teams, (15 good mules,) and employing many of our people. Such men are the ones who help to give the race standing. He has 15 good rent houses, some of the best in Okmulgee. He makes a special effort to employ large numbers of our people and his pay roll runs more than $125.00 each week. He's not only living for himself, but the race.



REV. T. H. WISEMAN.

The above is the likeness of the pastor of the A. M. E. church, Okmulgee, Okla. He is a son of Jefferson City, Mo., and finished from Lincoln Institute, as well as several other high class institutions of learning. He is not only an eloquent and forceful speaker, but a sweet singer and has won his way into the hearts of the people of Okmulgee. He is thoroughly trained.

DR. JOSEPH C. BRADFIELD

Is a graduate of Starling (Ohio) Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, in 1911 class. He came to Lima in the fall of 1912 after practicing a year in Columbus. Doctor Bradfield is one of the

three physicians on the Lima Hospital staff and only colored doctor that has ever been a member of the Allen County Medical Society. He is a young man, being only twenty-six. He has made good here and his future prospects are very bright. He married Miss Edith M. Payne, one of Columbus's popular young ladies, nearly three years ago. They are the proud parents of a fine boy. Doctor Bradfield has built up an enviable practice, and he shows his interest in the people by helping in every good public cause. He and Mrs. Bradfield are workers in the churches. He owns a "Ford."

CASS L. EVANS

Of Piqua, Ohio, has been in the barber business here for twenty years. His customers number hundreds, including some of the most substantial men of the city. He has lived in Piqua for forty-five years, having come here from Indiana, his native state, when quite young. He had advantage of the public schools, and received a good working, practical training. He owns a nice comfortable home in the western part of the city. Mr. Evans was once very active in fraternal and political circles in this part of the state.

The accompanying picture is a splendid likeness of Mr. Evans. He is a congenial and friendly man, and makes friends easily with the best people. He has a host of friends among white and colored here and elsewhere. He has been a constant subscriber to The Freeman for a number of years.

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St. Joe, Mo.

Items of Interest in Regard to Progress of Our People.

By THEO. BAUGHMAN, Special Scribe.

PROGRESS OF THE COLORED RACE AT SAINT JOSEPH.

A Glimpse At What Our Folks Are Accomplishing In That Missouri Town.

Your scribe hit town at about the same time the Shriners were on their way to the Pacific Coast and the famous Liberty Bell, which in 1776 rang out American Independence. Thousand upon thousand of people took a look at the bell during its 6 hours sojourn in the city of St. Joe. This place is quite a city and a large number of our race are citizens. On inquiry we gleaned the fact that along educational lines the town was abreast with other places. Seventeen educators are employed, and it is said that they are experts at "teaching the young idea how to shoot." The Barlett High School is under the able principalship of Prof. W. H. Jones. Lincoln has for its principal, Prof. J. H. Sims, while Douglass is ably presided over by Prof. B. T. Perkins. These en and their co-workers, so we are told, are rendering yoeman service. St. Joe has the distinction of maintaining a colored Y. M. C. A., which no doubt, is accomplishing much for our young men. The race should not go to sleep on their job, so far as the association is concerned, but sacrifice to make it take front rank.

Large numbers of our race are employed in various ways, and not a few are holding lucrative positions—some in the post office, etc. Religiously, as well as from a secret society standpoint, we are "marching" there being six colored churches, equally divided between the Baptists and Methodists forces. The administration of spiritual food is said to be in the hands of able men and true disciples of the "Lowly Nazarine." About the first place we landed in, after putting our grip down was the parsonage of the A. M. E. church, a magnificent two story brick and on the same lot stands a structure of brick, which our folks praise the Lord in. We found this flock under the leadership of that old veteran of the cross, Dr. N. C. Buren whose ministerial career stretches back 35 years. All during this long period he has not let up on his satanic majesty but uncompromisingly fought him. Too, about 700 men and women have embraced the plans of salvation through his preaching, and he has to his credit having raised $35,000. The church is valued at $25,000, and they boast of 300 members, some of the best men and women in St. Joe. He has a cultured wife, a Fiskite and an untiring worker in the Master's vineyard and in the betterment of our race. Dr. Buren has the distinction of being a member of three General Conferences and is now serving the church as a member of the Missionary Department. A zealous struggle is being made to improve and renovate the church for the reception of the 34th annual session of the North Missouri conference. Rev. Buren has succeeded, but he can't claim all the honor, because some of it must go to that excellent wife. Such leaders are great factors in the advancement of our people.

L. E. Perry, Esq., is conducting a second hand store at 817, 819 and 821 North 3rd street. He carries a large line of furniture of every description and seemingly, everything else. He is an expert mattress maker and an all round good workman. We were impressed with the way Mr. Perry conducts things. We found in him a thorough business man and some pusher. He's numbered among the property owners and is a record maker.

The Saratoga Cafe, 304 Edmond street which is ably conducted by that excellent lady of our race, Mrs. Eliza Carriger, is a clean place and deserves to be supported. The cooking is right and the service is too. You can go the short order route and you will be served regular meals. Courteous help are employed and you are given a "run for your money." Call and see if we have mixed up the truth, if our folks really desire a clean and creditable eating place, let them "push along Mrs. Carriger.

The Moten Rooming House, 412-16 N. 2nd street is perhaps the largest and best equipped sleeping quartres in St. Joe, for colored folks. There are 26 rooms in all and they are right, as every detail is looked after to make it comfortable for the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moten, owners, have been in business one dozen years and by treating all right they are always crowded. These folks believe that "a good name is better to be chosen than great riches," hence they have a hold on the public. Mrs. Moten, a very pleasing lady is an expert hair artist and a manicurist. They are ardent members of the Baptist church and stand for everything which means race elevation. This paper for years has claimed them as friends, and are ready to encourage it with money and praises. Look them up when you are in St. Joe.

Mr. A. J. Banks owns two saloons. They are the "Imperial Bars", one at 526 N. 2nd street and the other at 601 S. 5th street. A complete stock of wet goods are carried, also imported and domestic cigars. Everything to make a first class bar has been provided and large crowds frequent them. Eleven years is the length of time that Mr. Banks has been in business and by treating the public right, enjoys a nice trade. He is a property owner and his friends are many. He is a native of St. Joe and believes in everyone receiving a square deal. We found him a strict business man and a jolly fellow well met. He carries a complete line of Goetz beer, which is recognized to be one of the purest and best flavored beers on the market. It has won its way with all who drink beer. Always ask for

[illegible] and Ben are tonsorial artists at 918 Frederick Ave., St. Joe. They have a two chair shop and are working such expert workmen as Messrs. L. P. Edwards and Louis Ellsworth. These men deliver the goods hence they are kept busy. They have baths in connection with the shop. These gentlemen are also conducting an up to date cafe, and they feed right. See them when you need anything along their line.

Thompson's Pharmacy located at 10th and Francis Sts., St. Joe, is the only colored drug store in that city. We found the place well stocked with drugs, sundries, etc., and the soda fountain is one of the swellest to be found in that city. The owner, Mr. E. W. Thompson is the product of Iowa State University and is not only a scholar but a strict business man. He has invested considerable money to fix up a creditable enterprise and his patrons are to be found among both races. This store has been going four years and such enterprises lend dignity to us as a race He is a former citizen of Iowa and we found him an excellent man.

One of the live wires at St. Joe, is Mr. O. R. Burns who helps your Uncle Sam to look after his affairs being clerk in the post office, at a lucrative salary. He is one of Booker Washington's graduates and for two years was in Africa on an engineering expedition. For years he followed machine shop practice and steam engineering, and for seven years has been in the post office, giving satisfaction. He has an excellent wife, a graduate of Spellman's Seminary. After her graduation Mrs. Burns served as a teacher. This couple own a lovely home in Wyatt Park Addition. They have two sweet children and its a pleasure to visit this cultured home.

There are three colored clerks in St. Joe's Post Office. They are Messrs. H. H. Walker, R. G. Armstrong and O. R. Burns. These men are scholars and are making good. The race also boasts of four colored carriers and one substitute carrier. They are Messrs. Anthony Moten, the veteran of the carriers of the force, who has served close to 40 years; A. D. Butler. St. Claire Beard and Elmer Woodson. The substitute is Mr. Charles Hairgrove. These men are a credit to us as a race. Three of us are employed in the Bureau of Animal Industry: Messrs. R. L. Scott, Will F. Neal and Will Coffee. The janitorship is also looked after by Mr. Samuel Mays, a colored man.

The scribe dropped in at the I. F. Ramsey Co.'s place, which is a very modern undertaking establishment, the only colored one in the city of St. Joseph. Mr. Ramsey has a lady attendant in the person of Mrs. Ramsey. They carry a complete line of undertaking goods, and we are glad to say they look after all colored funerals. They own two funeral cars—white and black; dead wagon, etc., and their line of caskets, etc., is complete. This enterprise has been going ten years and has been wisely managed. The owner hails from Roger Williams and has attached to his name "A. B." His wife is also from the same school. This is one of the leading enterprises, and during our visit they were conducting the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Clay, who was shot and killed Monday night of last week by a young colored man, a Mr. Jones, 19 years old. The proprietor, Mr. Ramsey, is well liked by all. He conducted the funeral of Mr. Andy Brown, a colored citizen, being the father of 21 children. The deceased was 66 years old and had resided in St. Joe for many years.

Washington's Rooming house is located at 821 So. 9th street, and is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Washington. They have seven good rooms and try to make it pleasant for all. On visiting St. Joe see them.

Mrs. Rosa Whitney, 918 Mitchell street, St. Joseph, is conducting a ten-room place, and she has among the best rooms in the city. She sees to it that her guests receive every comfort and nothing is left undone to make them feel at home. She is assisted by her very pleasing daughter, Miss Beatrice.

Fourteen modern rooms is what Mrs. C. W. White has at 517 So. Sixth street, St. Joe, Mo. She makes a special effort at pleasing and for nine years she has been in the business. Mrs. White representative of the Poro Hair goods and enjoys a nice trade. This lady is full of push, and if you want a good place to sleep or anything in the hair line, see her.

The Musicians club, of which Mr. Sherman Fleming is manager and treasurer, has quarters at 1523 So. Sixth street. It is fitted up in modern style and more than thirty-five

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persons are members, who while away many pleasant evenings, and among the three colored clubs this is the leading one.

A large number of our men are employed in the various foundries at St. Joseph.

Eight colored men are employed by the city of St. Joe.

Mrs. T. Thomas is conducting a swell cafe at 1508 So. Sixth street, St. Joseph, Mo., where short orders, etc., are served. She serves ice cream, handles cigars and tobacco, etc., as a side issue. Mrs. Thomas has also neat rooms, where one may rest his weary bones. Her husband is proprietor of a pool hall at 322 W. Missouri street, in which there are three tables. These good people are full of push and are deserving of success.

Among the many nice homes owned by the race at St. Joe we mention the following: R. L. Scott, J. U. Oliver, Mrs. Jennie Montgomery, Prof. J. H. Sims, Prof. D. E. Taylor. Robert Armstrong, Isaac Nold, Mrs. Carrie Walker, O. R. Burns, Prof. J. A. Endicott, Mr. J. Evans. There are a large number of colored citizens who own good homes and from week to week we will make mention of them.

More than 1000 colored men are employed in the packing houses located at St. Joe, Mo., receiving good salaries. A large number are purchasing homes and investing their earnings wisely.

In a few days the St. Joe Lawn Tennis Club, of which Dr. W. S. Carrion is president, will entertain the Kansas City Lawn Tennis club. This promises to be an event worthy of more than passing notice.

The colored physicians and dentists of St. Joe, Mo., perfected a local medical association of which Dr. Carrion is president. It will affiliate with the National Medical Association.

Miss Myrtle Reed of Colorado Springs, Colo., is the distinguished guest of Miss Ruth Endicott. She is a dramatic reader of note and in the near future will give a recital in St. Joe.

Miss A. F. Moore, one of the efficient teacher of Kansas City, Mo., is the pleasant guest of Mrs. N. C. Buren Miss Moore is recognized as one of our leading educators and is sacrificing in bettering our condition.

Mrs. Alice Yancy, an excellent lady of our race, who resides at Kan. City, Mo., is a visitor to St. Joe.

Your scribe had a chance to speak to the members of Ebenezer A. M. E. church last Sunday morning and after services several enrolled as subscribers.

Bishop Parks electrified a large audience at Ebenezer A. M. E. church last Thursday night, by a strong and eloquent sermon. He takes front rank as a thinker and a forceful speaker.

The race is proud of Dr. M. O. Ricketts one of its leading physicians who received his medical training in the University of Nebraska, having finished class 1884, and during the 34 years that this eminent man has practiced medicine, has performed some seemingly incurable cures. Dr. Ricketts is an authority on medicine being an ardent student along that line. His early life was spent in Missouri, where he finished from Lincoln Institute, class 1876. This gentleman is able to look back over a long life of brilliant achievement and finds consolation in the fact that he has done his part in the betterment of our condition, as a race. His offices at 328½ Francis street are neatly fixed up and he is doing his share of the practice. Though a busy man he has time to do his duty by his church, the A. M. E.

Mrs. R. H. Holly and her accomplished daughter, Miss Addaline, are guests at the palatial home of Mr. M. J. Evans of St. Joe, and are being rarely entertained by Miss Myrtle Evans. Mrs. and Miss Holly are representative people of Ohio the younger lady being one of the efficient teachers in the city schools of Cincinnati, Ohio. She has spent four years in the school room learning the "young idea how to shoot."

Ability will win, provided a fellow possessing is all right, and that's what Dr. O. N. Gons, a popular colored dentist at St. Joe, Mo., possesses. He secured his literary training in Kansas City, Kansas, and put the finishing touches on at Geo. R. Smith College at Sedalia, Mo. When the class of 1908 finished at Meharry, this young man was one of the bunch and since his graduation has demonstrated that he is no novice along his line. His dental parlors located at 405½ Felix street have been equipped with all latest apparatus and his patrons are many. Such men of Dr. Goins calibre are the ones who are bringing honor to us as a race.

The world admires a doer. A man who bring things about; that's why Mr. M. J. Evans has so many friends at St. Joe, Mo. The Elk's club of that city is one of the well regulated places where many of our race congregate to spend evenings. There's plenty of innocent amusement, and the membership consists of 300. The best of order is maintained. Mr. Evans is owner of Elk's tonsorial parlor, a three chair place, where expert artists are employed. The Elk's pool parlor is also owned by this gentleman. There are three tables and the players are many. Mr. Evans owns a good residence and by his way of doing things numbers his friends in both races.

It was a pleasure to meet Mr. W. T. Sidney, a mercant of Plattsburg, Mo., whose stock represents more than $500.00. He is in his own building and has as a partner, his son. This gentleman is one of our progressive men and stands for something.

St. Joe has 5 colored physicians; able men who enjoy a lucrative practice.

The bar men of St. Joe give employment to more than 250 colored men.

Married: Miss Zelma Endicott and Mr. Thompson. These people are popular teachers at St. Joe. The wedding was solemnized at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church and was a swell affair.

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Folk Festival A Rare Treat At St. Joseph, Missouri

Lyceum Theatre was literally "packed and jammed" with a cultured audience of our people last Friday night to witness "Folk Festival" and the rendition of each part deserves special mention. The affair was under the supervision of Mrs. Hattie L. Buren, assisted by Mrs. John Jordan and these ladies were responsible for an entertainment that was enjoyed by all.

The following interesting program was rendered:

1—Opening Chorus.

2—Folk Game—Seven Jumps:—Joyce Bell, Marion Lane, Louise Ray, Lillian Webster, Irene Bell Florence Webster, Charles Webster, Ollie Noel, Louise Bradford, William Bell, Lucile Norton, George Brown, Homer Walker, Joyce Warren Theresa Haven, Harold Noel, Leah Martin, Logan Warren.

3—Spring Dance:—Anna Venable Dorothy January, Mabel Dorsey, Othello Clark, Ada May Bell, Florence Hill, William Simms, Helen Conway, Nellie Thomas, George Bell, Edith Evans, Georgia Ward Ora and Ira Coleman, Freddie Niel, Ella Kay, Grace Coleman.

4—Chorus—Brownies:—William Simms George Bell, Freddie Niel, Ira and Ora Coleman.

5—Crested Hen:—Cleon Holly, Cecil Winters, Gertrude Carriger, Edith Peery, Minnie Belle and Anna Belle Holly and others.

6—Chorus:—"To the Woods."

7—Baby Ballet.

8—Butterfly Dance:—Edith Peery Gertrude Carriger, Carolyn Venable, Cleon Holly, Cecil Winters, Nellie Thomas, Minnie Belle and Anna Belle Holly.

9—Clapdans:—Mesdames Ollie Robinson, Pearl Johnson, Victoria Temple, A. D. Harts, Louise Williams, Belle McGee, Bertha Dorsey, Eva McGee, Misses Ada Hunter, Ruth Endicott, Dorothy Watkins, Lizzie Washington, Missouri Harrison, Mamie Rogers, Hallie Clayborne, Rose Lawrie.

Orchestra—Violins:—John R. Crossland, Raymond Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Robinson; Violincello, J. W. Robinson; drum, George Bell; Piano, Mrs. John Jordan.

Each one on program equipped himself with credit and the applauses were many. This swell affair was under the auspices of Ebenezer A. M. E. church and will go down as one of the most enjoyable affairs ever witnessed in St. Joe. A nice sum was realized for the church. The children displayed thorough training and in every respect the entertainment was on a high order.

THE SMITH SAXOPHONE TRIO.

Is a fixed musical organization of energetic young men whose work in the musical line has been recognized by the music-loving people of central Ohio.

Mr. Walter D. Smith, the organizer and manager of the trio, lives in Springfield. He is an expert saxophonist, having made a study of music for over fifteen years.

Mr. Wilson Higginbottom of Dayton is the pianist, and he is considered Dayton's best. He was born and reared in Dayton.

Mr. Reynold A. Jackson has few equals and no superiors on the drums. He plays everything that belongs to that department of orchestral work. He is a native of Dayton, his present home.

The trio is seven years old and has played in almost every important center in Ohio. They play any kind of popular music at sight, and they can furnish classical or popular music for any occasion. The address of the manager is 432 Calhoun street, Springfield, Ohio.

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MELVIN C. LIGHT.

Attorney Melvin C. Light, who is a candidate for the nomination for city solicitor, is one of the finest young men we have had the pleasure of meeting in some time. He has always shown himself to be friendly to our people, and from what I have been able to learn, not a candidate has more loyal friends among our people than he. Though he is a busy man, yet he can always find the time to have a word with those who call upon him. He is very pleasant to meet and courteous in his dealings. As an attorney he has been a success from the start. He graduated from the Ohio State University law school in 1911, having made a splendid record as a student. Since that time he has practiced continuously in this (Allen) county. He is a member of the Allen County Bar Association, being one of its prominent figures. He is a lifelong Republican, having stood by the party under all circumstances. We are sure the voters of this city will not forget him on the day of the primary, August 10, and he will be nominated by a good big margin. The office of solicitor needs a man like Mr. Light, who is able, vigorous and courageous. He has already received the endorsement of the Willis-Harding Club, and that means much so far as the colored vote is concerned.

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An Editorial Peep at Our Neighbors

The Colored People in Other Cities are Making Commendable Strides Observes Editor Chiles.

We visited St. Joseph, Mo., Elwood, Wathena, Troy, Hiawatha, Horton and Holton, Kansas. The colored people of St. Joseph are improving wonderfully. They are building new homes which are beautiful residences and are paying for them. The more industrious and enterprising citizens are coming to the front.

Dr. J. R. A. Crossland is undoubtedly one of the most energetic and progressive colored men of the race and ranks almost in a class to himself in these United States. He enjoys a large practice, has a fine automobile, built especially for a physician and one of the finest in St. Joseph. We would like to see the Republican party of that district name Dr. Crossland as one of the delegates to the National Convention. He is a man that knows how to defend the race in any proposition that he takes hold of and has no fear of doing what is right always; never sleeps on the job, will not be compromised or bought off.

Mme. M. Beard who makes a specialty of hair growing and making of switches; and also has a celebrated remedy to stop itching and causes the hair to grow. Peolpe desiring treatment of this kind or any of her goods will do well to write her at 519 S. 16th St., St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Beard are among the leading families of St. Joseph. Mr. Beard is connected with the mail service department of St. Joseph.

Mr. G. W. Walker conducts a restaurant and confectionery counter, and is doing fine.

Rev. Buren is doing well in the work of the church.

Mr. Jas. Gordan, 44 1-2 S. 17th St. has recently completed his fine two story double flat at a cost of $5,000. The lots are beautiful and are valued at $2,000. Mr. Gordan is one of St. Joseph's old reliable and highly respected business men, having come there in 1867. He is a native of that state and is a 32 degree Mason; has had charge of one of the largest business buildings of St. Joseph for 11 years; looks after the entire building, both the rent and repairs. Mr. Gordan was married in the past year to Miss E. B. Durke of Huntsville, Ala. She is domestic science teacher of the High School there and is one of the best teachers of that kind in the United States. She is a highly cultured, educated lady and is from one of the best families of Alabama. They occupy the second flat of six large rooms, all beautifully furnished with fine tapestry and draping. Mr. and Mrs. Gordan are among the happiest couples and are enjoying everything that life could wish. Mr. Gordan was well impressed with the South since he made his first trip to Huntsville Ala., last year to secure his bride. He thinks the colored people are doing and applying themselves to most anything they can do.

Dr. C. S. Wheatley and son are among the best and finest chiropodists in this country. They are the only colored men we have found that are making a success of this business; and they are men who really know the business. They are located in a first class building and all their patrons are first class people, and they give satisfaction to everybody. Their patrons are among the most wealthy white people of St. Joseph and they also enjoy a practice from surrounding towns and cities. Dr. Wheatley is a fine industrious business man, owns good property and has reared a fine family of boys and girls who are making good. He also has a line of goods that he uses in keeping the feet and ankles in good shape, thereby giving them strength. He handles these goods in large quantities.

Mr. Thomas Cook and wife, formerly of Leavenworth, Kansas are making money and banking it. Mr. Cook is chauffeur for one of the largest furniture companies in St. Joseph. He understands the business thoroughly, is a dignified young man and highly respected by all who know him.

Mr. T. Thomas, 1508 S. 6th St., is condudting a first class pool hall, barber shop and handles cigars and soft drinks. He is a progressive young man, fast coming to the front, enjoys the company of his beautiful wife who is a fine housekeeper and dress maker; and they are making good.

St. Joseph has two dentists, several doctors, one drug store, one undertaker, several schools with good teachers, two restaurants, one second hand store and three or four saloons.

Charles Phelps has opened up a saloon and is also conducting a moving picture show.

Mr. A. D. Butler has installed some of the most beautiful electric lights in his new bungalow to be seen anywhere. He is a leading Mason and also eminent Grand Commander of the state of Missouri, Knights of Templar. He is employed in the government service as a mail carrier.

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Elwood, Kansas.

This was our first stop at Elwood, Kansas, and we enjoyed the visit very much from the fact that we attended the graduating exercises of the Elwood colored High School on Thursday evening, May 13th at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. M. A. Webster is principal of the school and Leona McCurry is assistant This will be the last session of this high school. Theere were over five hundred people attending the exercises, admission 25 cents, which everybody was glad to pay, as they were highly entertained. Prof. Jackson of Western University with his quartett filled a place on the program with several classical songs and melodies. Mr. Nelson Crews, Grand Master of Missouri Masonic lodge delivered the graduating address. Rev. H. H. Dent, pastor of this church did much to make it pleasant for the visitors. There were several automobile loads from St. Joseph, Mo., and Troy, Kas. The Elwood band entertained with music. Much praise and credit is due Mrs. Webster who is a fine educator and one who loves to teach and understands the work. We would like to see her engaged in some of the leading schools or colleges of this country as she is thoroughly competent and capable. Mrs. Webster's two small children gave a vocal duet, which was the finest we ever heard from two little tots who looked like angels as they were only three and four years old. The following is the program: Piano Solo, Prof R. G. Jackson; Invocation, Rev. N. C. Buren; Music, Glee Club; Vocal Duet, Lillian and Florence Webster; Oration, "We Build the Ladder By Which We Rise," Quinnie Etta Walker; Vocal Solo, Miss Leonetta Mosely; Address, Nelson Crews; Duet, Mesdames Howard and Gaston; Perfect Attendance Annual Awards, Miss Edna Whitney, County Superintendent; Plantation Melodies, Glee Club; Diploma Presentation, Miss Sabina Roberts; Music, Glee Club; Benediction, Rev. H. H. Dent. Music by Glee Club from Western University of Quindaro, Kansas, Prof. R. G. Jackson, director. Nelson C. Crews, orator, editor of "Kansas City Sun," Grand Master of Missouri Masonic jurisdiction.

Elwood is a town where most of its colored inhabitants work in St. Joseph and if it was not for the toll over the bridge, Elwood would be a fine place for our people to live and work in St. Joseph. There ought to be something done through legislative bodies to fix this bridge toll so the poor people could live in Elwood without being taxed to death.

We found two young ladies, the daughtres of Wyatt Hughes, who are growing alfalfa and when asked what they were going to do when school was out, said they had already secured a job from their father at $1.00 per day and board for assisting him in stacking and baling alfalfa. This sounded good to us; and if the young men would make the same determination as these young girls, they would find enough work to do and get through school much easier than depending always upon "the old man and woman."

After the commencement exercises were over, we boarded an auto truck which was returning with a load of visitors to Troy, Kansas. We left at nearly 12 o'clock at night and at a little after 1 o'clock we were at Troy where we stopped with our old friend Chas. Shumaker and the next morning took breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lair. Mr. Shumaker is busy preparing ten acres of land for straw berries for this season.

Troy can boast of her beautiful teacher, Miss Lair, who is not only beautiful but accomplished and is instructor of the colored schools at this place and has made wonderful success. She is industrious and has a bank account and has been instructed by her mother how to preside over a home and when the times comes that a successful one may win her, he will find a cultured and refined lady, not only in books but in domestic science, who will be able to start right off in taking care of a home. She will visit the two world fairs at San Diego and San Francisco this summer. Mrs. Lair conducts a nice clothes cleaning establishment and Mr. Lair a fine first class barber shop

Mr. Morris Snoddy is still employed at the High School as janitor. The colored people here all own their homes and are industrious.

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Hiawatha, Kansas.

Our next stop was at Hiawatha, Kansas, the home of Miss Edna Greene, the stenographer and bookkeeper of this office. **Hiawatha is a beautiful city and came second in winning the prize for being the cleanest city of the second class in the state of Kansas. They have the finest library in the city of the second class, beautiful stores and everything clean. Lawns are well kept. Her citizens are industrious and we must say that we never found a colored loafer in the town.**

Mr. John Hughes conducts a nice clothes cleaning establishment and also owns an automobile and fine

residence and has a lovely wife and two chidlren. His machinery for cleaning clothes is located in the rear of his lot in a galvanized iron building and the machinery is worth several hundred dollars. His location on Main street is in the main thoroughfare of the city. He is the leading man in the city in that business and has lived in that town all his life. He is highly respected by everybody and is a good business man. We enjoyed the trip with him and his family in their automobile to Horton. Mrs. Hughes was formerly Miss Marie Hawkins, and was for some time a resident of Boston, Mass., and attended school in that city. She has traveled abroad and is highly educated and cultured. They have two children, a boy, Vernon H., named for Prof. Vernon and a girl. She is a graduate of the High School of Humboldt, Nebr.

While in Hiawatha, we were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Greene and family of bright, healthy children. Mr. Greene is employed as cock in one of the leading cafes of of the city, and owns a nice home and we enjoyed one of the best meals of our trip at this home. They are now happy over the birth of a fine baby girl, Emily Jane, who is six months old.

Mrs. A. B. Cheek, our correspondent is a dressmaker. She has an incubator and is having wonderful success in growing chickens.

Mr. A. S. Miller also conducts a clothes cleaning establishment and is one of Hiawatha's substantial citizens and is making good.

Mr. John Miller is a stone and brick mason and is one of the town's most substantial citizens.

Rev. Frazier is pastor of the A. M. E. church and is doing nicely. He says many of the colored people are leaving that town and going to other cities. Since he has been pastor he has had several members to unite with the church. At present he is enjoying a visit from his daughter of Garden City, Kansas and Ellsworth, Kansas. He and his wife are enjoying health and are well liked by the people of that town.

Mr. Wm. Brunt is a native of Hiawatha, was born there in 1872. He owns his home and has a fine family of seven children.

Mr. Chas. Graves and son conduct a fine barber shop and are doing a good business.

Mr. Wm. Stockton conducts a first class restaurant and is doing well, and enjoys the trade and patronage of some of the wealthiest people of the city.

Mr. Otis Graves is employed as mail carrier, which position he has held for years.

Horton, Kansas.

Our next stop was at Horton, Kansas. This was our first trip to this town since the death of our old friend J. B. Fleming, who was one of the leading men of this town and state, and his death was a calamity to all who knew him.

We were guests of his widow and children and sister-in-law, and must say they are conducting his business and it is run as it was when he lived. Much credit is due his son, Eugene, who is conducting his father's business and managing it in a straightforward manner, for which everyone is praising him. He will graduate on his birthday from the Horton High School with his little sister, La Rue. They will graduate at the same time. Their father had long looked to this day but did not live to witness it. Eugene has also been initiated in the Masonic lodge, following in the footsteps of his father kho was a leading Mason in the state, being a 32 degree Mason. They own a two story brick building in which is located their shop with four good workmen and own a beautiful home and several lots.

Mr. Marsh Holloway is employed on the Horton Headlight and is a linotype operator, one of the best in this country. We enjoyed a fine lunch at his home. They are among the most progressive citizens of Horton. They have a beautiful home, garden, chickens and hogs. His wife was formerly Miss Alice Keith and is among the leading ladies of Horton and is doing much in church and social work among her people. They have two fine chilren whose company they enjoy.

Mr. W. J. Irving who is employed in the mail service owns a nice home and is enjoying his honeymoon, having recently married the daughter of Mr. Plum, one of the most progressive farmers of Kansas. Mr. Irving runs from Horton to Fairbury, Nebr., in the railway mail service.

Mr. J. W. Brooks one of Horton's leading citizens is employed in the Rock Island Railway Company and is in the master mehcanics, where he has been employed for the past ten years. He owns good property and is one of the most substantial citizens of the town.

Mr. J. Henderson and wife are also among Horton's leading citizens and he is correspondent for the Plaindealer. Parties having news will do well to see him.

Horton is putting on a new front, putting in several miles of paving, sewers and many other improvements. One thing we can say the white people are not prejudiced to colored people as much as we find in other cities to which we go. All seem to be living in peace and harmony. We met one of our old friends who was born in South Carolina and is now employed in the barber shop, doing a good business. He started Here again we found no loafers or bad characters. They are not allowed in the town for the moment one lands, the police are notified and they are ushered away.

MISS ELSIE LAIR.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN HUGHES.

MME. M. BEARD.

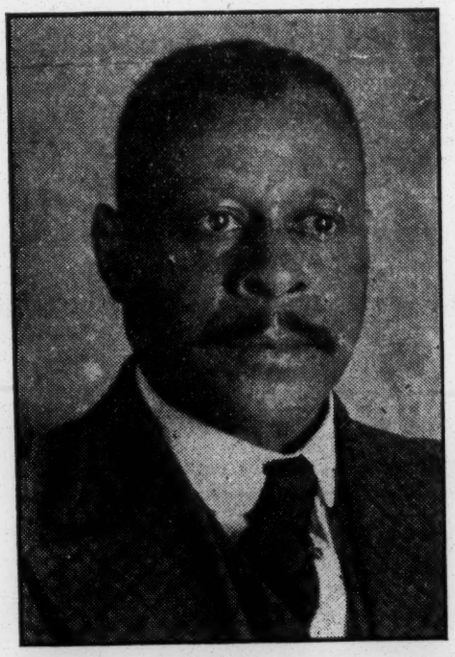
REV. L. R. MITCHELL.

When Rev. Mr. Mitchell gave up his charge at Muncie, where he had received a life call, he left a congregation in tears. His acceptance of the repeated, urgent and unanimous call of Second Baptist church of Lima, Ohio, marks a new era in the life of that church, for he has the reputation of being one of the best pastors in Indiana.

Rev. Mitchell is a young, energetic minister who does not fear to attack a difficult situation, and we are sure that within the next few years, if he remains in Lima, many valuable improvements will be made not only in the material and spiritual church, but in many other things social and civic. He has the advantage of beginning his administration with the full co-operation of the church, which at present has a membership of about 175. Already $1,000 has been raised under his leadership, and with the continued co-operation of his officers, who are all good strong men, he is bound to succeed.

REZIN ALLEN TALBOTT

Mr. Talbott is the chef at the B. P. O. E. home. He came to Lima in 1911, and took the position of chef at the Lima House, the leading hotel in the city, working there four years. He then opened a restaurant at Springfield, Ohio. He sold out and returned to Lima this year to take his present position. Mr. Talbott is a native of Steubenville, Ohio, where he was reared. He is an experienced man over the culinary department of big hotels, having been engaged in that profession for twenty-five years. He is an active member in fraternal circles, being a Mason, Odd Fellow, K. of P., and an Elk.



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CLEARVIEW OKLAHOMA.

A Negro Town Where Rapid Progress Is Being Made By Our Race—The Scribe Receives a Warm Welcome—What Some of Our Readers Are Doing To Help Make History.

Just eight years ago, the first effort to build Clearview, a solely Negro town, was made, and this town has grown almost by magic. Hon. J. E. Thompson, the founder secured 1300 acres and commenced advertising Clearview, and up-to-date, he has expended $50,000. Numerous men of our race have been assisted in securing homes and farms. Today there are 10 good business and mercantile estabilshments, two good steam cotton gins, cigar factory, four churches, one good brick school, four teachers and an enrollment of 275, U. S. postoffiffice, two hotels, one Negro physician, Negro drug store, a mayor and goard of aldermen, one college in course of construction, numerous good homes, a happy and contented people. In fact Clearview is quite a place and is destined to be a great town, since it is surrounded with many good farmers, who own their farms. The soil is black sandy loam. The leading spirit is Mr. J. E. Thompson, who now owns 900 acres, 700 acres being under cultivation. There are 50 to 100 giod lots that the race can secure from him on easy payment, and there is plenty farm land that the race can secure. This gentleman was serving the state as Land and Timber Inspector of Oklahoma and after serving 5 years, became imbued with the spirit to help the race, and today every one is praising his wise judgment in starting Clearview. He is a native of Alabama, and is one of the race's solid men. The scribe visited Clearview and can say that those who desire to live in a strictly Negro town should correspond with Mr. Thompson. His residence is a two-story brick, and he employs 35 families. He is truly a Moses for our people.

Dr. J. H. C. Lucas, is the popular physician at Clearview, where he has practiced medicine with success for 10 years. He is from Meharry Medical college, class 1905; his literary training was received at Springfield, Tenn. Being a prepared man, and on the broad-guage, where he is compelled to succeed.

The Oliver Grocery Co., is one of the successful firms at Clearview. His stock is worth $600, and he is doing nicely. His clerk, Miss M. L. Walter. Mr. H. M. Oliver, the proprietor is also a successful farmer, owning some valuable town property also. He is helping to make history for the race.

Mr. Joe Reynolds is perhaps one of the strongest men at Clearview. His farm consists of more than 500 acres. He is one of the oldest citizens at Clearview, and was one of the first men on the ground. Mr. Reynolds has worked hard to make Clearview go. and the people have implicit faith in him.

The Aikens Hotel is a nice place for the race at Clearview. Good beds and good meals are what you get. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Aikens. These people will treat you right.

Mr. Wm. Irving is a successful merchant at Clearview. He is an extensive dry goods and grocery dealer, the stock being worth $2,000. His store is a good one and he enjoys a nice trade.

Hon. N. H. Starks, ex-postmaster at Clearview, is W. M. of the Masons, is also notary public. This gentleman is a leading man in his town and is a farmer of note. Such men are a credit to our race.

Mr. M. C. Alford, a graduate pharmacist, is succeeding in the drug business at Clearview. His stock is complete and the people are making his business go. He has been doing business six years. He is a Meharrynite and is living up to the standard that well known institution has set.

Rev. N. L. Conn, a veteran in the ministery, having been a preacher 35 years, is still firing hot shots at the devil. He is engaged in the grocery business and his stock is a nice one, representing $600. Brother Conn is not a "hot air" worker, but has spent a long life doing good.

W. and M. J. Blanks are progressive merchants at Clearview. They have a $1,000 stock of dry goods and groceries and are doing well. They are among the leaders at that place.

A dry goods, crockery and grocery store, and serving as U. S. postmistress at Clearview, are among the things Mrs. M. E. Doggett does. She is a pleasing lady and doing nicely. She is courteous and the people like her.

Mr. R. D. Johnson is succeeding at Clearview as a barber. He does work right and is also an expert watchmaker.

Mr. P. J. Simmons is Uncle Sam's rural carrier at Clearview, on Route 1. He is a Mason and owns some valuable property. This man is one of our leaders.

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BOLEY, OKLAHOMA.

One of the progressive spirits at Boley, Oklahoma, who is helping to make history for the race, is Mr. S. J. King, the proprietor of one of Boley's modern steam gins. This gin is a 4-70 concern, and turns out 40 bales of cotton aday. This man stands for race advancement, and is the owner of 280 acres of good farm land in Oklahoma and Texas. By following the Golden Rule and practicing economy, the Lord has blessed him. He owns town property and his life is worthy of the young Negro imitating. The race gives Mr. King all he can do, during the ginning season, and he is a man that the entire race should feel proud of. He is one of the leading veterinarians in the state of Oklahoma and is kept busy.

We had the pleasure of calling at the palatial home of Mrs. C. W. Perry, one of Boley's foremost citizens. This lady, with her two daughters, Misses Alma and Herize, own interest in two of Boley's steam gins. Miss Herize is a popular school teacher and Miss Alma is a music teacher of note. She received her musical training at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas; Langston, College and the Unversity of New Orleans. She is recognized as one of our best music teachers.

The following are the efficient City officers of Boley: Mayor, Dr. I. W. Young; Aldermen, C. P. Young, W. C. Owens, D. J. Turner, W. E. Rainwater; Clerk, J W. Holloway; City Justice, W. A. E. Baile; Marshall, John Owens.

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Dunbar High School.

Easily the most popular place in Okmulgee, the Queen City of the Southwest, is Dunbar High School, where more than five hundred children assemble daily for the purpose of satisfying their thirst for knowledge.

From the Primary department all through the High school, one finds the atmosphere charged and surcharged with the quiet dignity and intense enthusiasm of the consecrated teaching force, carefully selected by the board from the best schools in the country, only college or normal graduates being permitted to teach.

Prof. W. H. Fort, Vice President of the State Teachers' Association, is at the head of affairs and presides in a way to make the visitor feel at ease and the teachers know that a friend and brother is at the helm.

Prof. Fort is ably assisted in the High school department by Miss Hallie C. Ford, in charge of History and Literature; Miss Emma E. White, Latin and Science; Mr. S. G. Johnson, Manual Training and Mrs. Maud Preston in charge of Domestic Science and Arts.

Misses Beulah Roberts and Ruth Wilkins have charge of the Fifth and Fourth grades respectively, while Misses Jessie Woodson, Lillian Chrisman and Flotha Nance look after the Primary department.

The High School department is not more than seven years old, but so much of the fire of enthusiasm has been put into the work that, not only has a goodly number been graduated, but six are now waiting for the commencement season to usher in the day of all days for them.

Manual Training and Domestic Science have been established only two years, yet so well has the board cared for these departments that already boys and girls are being divorced from the giant "Dependence" and are making themselves felt in their own homes as well as in the schoolroom.

If one wishes to be put in touch with real college atmosphere in a high school, let him drop in on Dunbar at the devotion period, hear the rapturous music, the earnest responsively, the entrancing chants—then pass from room to room and note the manly and womanly bearing of the young people—note all these and more—and you will have enough of that peculiar inspiration found in school to last a lifetime.

We found the citizens engaged in the laudable work of assisting the teachers in impressing upon the school authorities the necessity of giving more room and a larger number of teachers. Judging from the amount of interest it seems that victory is going to perch upon their banner.

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SHAWNEE OKLAHOMA.

One good sister of our race caused The Plaindealer's scribe worlds of trouble at Oklahoma City, by taking (through mistake) all of his papers, stationery, and valuable recommendations, etc., thinking the package hers. She almost put us off watch. We invaded Shawnee and after stirring about we found out the following about our race:

Mr. H. C. Provo, an experienced hotel man, who owns and conducts a swell place for the race, is one of the solid men of our race at Shawnee. His hotel is first class and in his cafe you get the best, and he also conducts a pool hall, a complete line of domestic and imported cigars are on sale. Being a shrewd business man and by treating the pubic right, he has built up a nice patronage. This gentleman has the assistance of an experienced and courteous manager in the person of Mr. George Butler. When you are in Shawnee, call at the Provo place of business.

B. J. Childs has invested considerable money in giving the race a swell tonsorial parlor at Shawnee, where the race gets the best along the barber line. In connection with his shop, he feeds the public when they are hungry and sells them drinks, ice cream, etc., when they are thirsty. He also conducts a smokehouse where

he sells all kind of cigars.

Demonstrating that a man with push can succeed in the insurance business, Mr. H. E. Brown, a representative young colored man, has built up a lucrative business at Shawnee. He is the representative of the Exchange Insurance Co., a strictly Negro concern of Muskogee, the only licensed and chartered Negro Insurance company in the state of Oklahoma. These men made no mistake in entrusting their business in the hands of Mr. Brown. He is one of Booker Washington's students and lives up to the teaching received at that well known institution.

Dr. E. B. Brooks, who finished at the Louisville National Medical College, class 1908, has successfully practiced at Shawnee, Okla., since his graduation. Dr. Brooks received his literary teaching at Paducah, and is recognized as one of the race's best men. Being thoroughly prepared, his success comes easy. Though a comparatively young man, he is an authority on medicine.

Rev. S. C. Davis is not only a successful pastor and church builder, but he's a successful grocery man at Shawnee. We called at his place and found him conducting a nice store. He erected the stone A. M. E. church at Shawnee and is successfully pastoring at Earlborough circuit.

The Pleasant Hill Baptist church, worth $12,000, ably pastored by one of the race's polished men, a theologian of the first rank, is the best colored church at Shawnee. It is cleared of debt, and the pastor, Dr. J. B. Manning has 180 members, some of the best men and women of our race being connected with same. Fourteen years this eminent man has been a minister and in that length of time has erected and paid for three churches and has material on the ground to build the fourth. For more than 17 years he has encouraged our people and is truly a leader, working in and out of season to uplift our race. He owns a three story brick building at Oklahoma City, for which he refused $24,000, at one time.

The only colored tailoring establishment at Shawnee is the one conducted by Mr. H. C. Bills, an experienced workman. He cleans, presses and makes clothes, and he does his work right. For nine years he has followed his trade, and is a workman "worth his hire."

Mr. S. Robinson has recently embarked in the ice cream, cold drink and confectionery business at Shawnee. He has fixed up a nice place, and the race is invited to spend their evenings at his parlor. He will treat you right.

The Cash Grocery's home is a two-story 30x45 building. The first floor is occupied by the store and in addition to same, there an up-to-date ice cream parlor. The upper floor is occupied by the different secret societies, etc. The owner, Mr. S. F. Seales has been in business for 8 years.

In a rock stone house, worth $1200 and owned by him, Mr. William Suggs, a colored business man has a $1,000 stock of fresh groceries. In connection, he operates a meat market and he is doing a nice business. His home is a good one, and he is striving to help in the solution of the race problem. Mr. Suggs is ably assisted by Mrs. Suggs.

Rev. H. T. Allston is successfully pastoring the A. M. E. church at Shawnee. This Christian soldier has toiled in the Master's vineyard 19 years and is not tired yet. Rev. Allston has accomplished a great work for the race and is still waging war on ignorance and sin.

Mr. C. C. Yarbrough, a thrifty man of our race at Shawnee, is not only conducting a 14 room sleeping place, but is also owner of a pool hall for our people. Yarbrough sleeping apartments are neat and one receives the best. This gentleman has been in business for seven years and has won the respect of all. He is ably assisted by his wife, who is a pleasing lady. When you visit Shawnee, see him. The Yarbrough cafe serves the best of meals and short orders.

On the leading street of Shawnee, Mr. Ben Franklin, a tonsorial artist of note, is conducting a swell place. Two hydraulic chairs and expert workmen. His shop is clean, and he strives to give the public the best along his line. See him when you are at Shawnee.

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BROOKVILLE, OKLAHOMA.

Memories of by-gone days, when ye scribe and one Prof. L. S. Simmons figured it down that Texas belonged to us, caused us to "meander" into this thriving place to see our old chum of happy days long ago, and to shake his hand, and to have him know that there is still a very warm place in our hearts for a chap of his elk. Lee has always been a fellow of large ideas, and never found it a task to do a friendly turn for a friend. A teacher of years' standing, in which he has done more than his part in "learning the young how to shoot" and many a boy and girl in the Lone Star State give this pedagogue credit for their making. He was active in Republican politics and played a conspicuous part in secret societies and at one time was Keeper of Records and Seals of the K. of P. of Texas and Assistant Secretary of the U. B. F. He played his part well. We are indeed glad he is doing his share in the uplift of our people in the state of Oklahoma. Lee is a successful ginner, owning a 4-70 gin stand, steam concern, and a merchant of some note, having a store that will reflect credit on the race. We are putting it mildly when we say he is doing well, and if a liberal hearted fellow is entitled to succeed, Prof. Simmons will make it.

His business house is a two-story rock building. The lower floor is occupied as a general merchandise store, in which $2,000 stock is carried. The upper floor is occupied as a residence. The building is worth $5,000. Prof. Simmons owns another business house. His gin is a modern one and worth $6,000, and more than 700 bales were ginned last season. The Simmons concrete plant is another enterprise that is a credit to the race. Prof. Simmons has let the contract to erect another stone building. This gentleman, aside from several valuable city lots owns a 160 acre farm, improved.

Brooksville is one of the many colored towns in Oklahoma, and although only seven years old, is rapidly forging to the front. It is beautifully located in a valley, and surrounded by about 800 Negro farmers, who own all the land for a radius of four miles. There are two churches—the Baptist and A. M. E. The Plaindealer secured several readers, and before long we hope to reach many of the homes of our people.

Mr. Frank Sypert is possibly the largest land owner and Mrs. Jeffries a close second.

A magnificent stone school building (two-story), 6 room edifice, and worth $2,500 is what the race has at Brooksville. This school is under te principalship of that scholarly gentleman, Prof. P. K. Taylor, who has, in two years, made it one of the best in the state. He is assisted by that cultured lady, Mrs. E. McKnight and Prof. E. L. Chestnut. There is an enrollment of more than 100 students, and the educational interest of our race is in safe hands. The principal owns a beautiful home and other valuable property. He is a former Texan and we are proud of his success.

Mr. C. H. Mellines, the assistant postmaster at Brooksville, is also a merchant, and his stock is fully worth $1,500. A good home and a modern farm of 80 acres are among the things he owns. Mr. Mellines is also conducting a modern hotel.

Mr. C. H. Mellines, Jr., is serving as agent for the Santa Fe railroad company at Brooksville, during the illness of Mr. W. M. Brooks, who is in the hospital at Temple, Texas. This young man is making an acceptable agent.

ANCIENT CITY OF SOUTH SETS MODERN EXAMPLE

Prosperity Follows Thrift and Energetic Preparedness in Old Florida Town

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The New York

Efficiency Is the Community's Dominant Factor and there Is a Remarkable Development of Cooperation between All Classes of People in St. Augustine.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 2.—Thirty years ago the particular part of St. Augustine that is now most noted was nothing but a marshy mud land. The genius and wealth of a Flagler transformed it into the most valuable and beautiful spot now in its confines.

'Tis the place where stand the Ponce de Leon, the most famous hostelry the country possessed at the time of its construction, also the Alcazar and Cordova, strong rivals in beauty and grandeur.

A very attractive and clean city St. Augustine is, with its five thousand inhabitants. The summer nights are fanned by the breezes of the Atlantic and the winters are temperate and balmy. There are no manufacturing concerns of any calculable importance. There are simply trades and retailing enterprises that give employment to its industrial populace.

About the Negro's endeavors and achievements here there is nothing extraordinary. Yet there are existent to a large degree the qualities of hospitality, loyalty, sturdiness, and a very vigorous religious sentiment among our people that have given rise to many interesting conditions.

Some Individual Achievements.

The biggest and most honored celebrity here is a doctor of medicine in the person of Daniel W. Roberts. He was graduated from Howard College of Medicine, Chicago, in 1896. Came here to practice the following year, and ever since the Ancient City has claimed him as her own. An efficient physician and surgeon is he who lives with the scientific spirit of the times. Perhaps there isn't a surgeon anywhere who has been more liberal minded and thorough in his practice. He seems to have adopted the motto that graduation meant beginning instead of completion of knowledge, and consequently has so stimulated and increased it that he enjoys the implicit confidence of both white and colored people in this community. He has by far the largest practice in the city and is a man who loves his work. He has constructed a strictly modern sanitarium, which he himself maintains, in order that he may perfect his service to his patients. It can be truthfully said that he approximates the ideal that a large number of our physicians need to adopt—a high standard of efficiency and a proper business and moral adjustment to the public.

Drs. Smith and Welters, pharmacist and dentist respectively, and Mr. Chaires, principal of the Junior High School, together with Dr. Roberts, form the professional class of the community.

Dr. Smith is a product of the community and the one in whom it feels an especial pride. He began twelve years ago as an errand boy for the white firm of Stephen & Speer. He so demonstrated his integrity and thrift there that he rose from that menial position to the entire managership of a branch store. In course of his time at the main store he schooled himself in the College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1910. What a fine proof this is of the fact that where there is a will and worth, in due time it merits its own sufficient reward in spite of all we may say or do against it.